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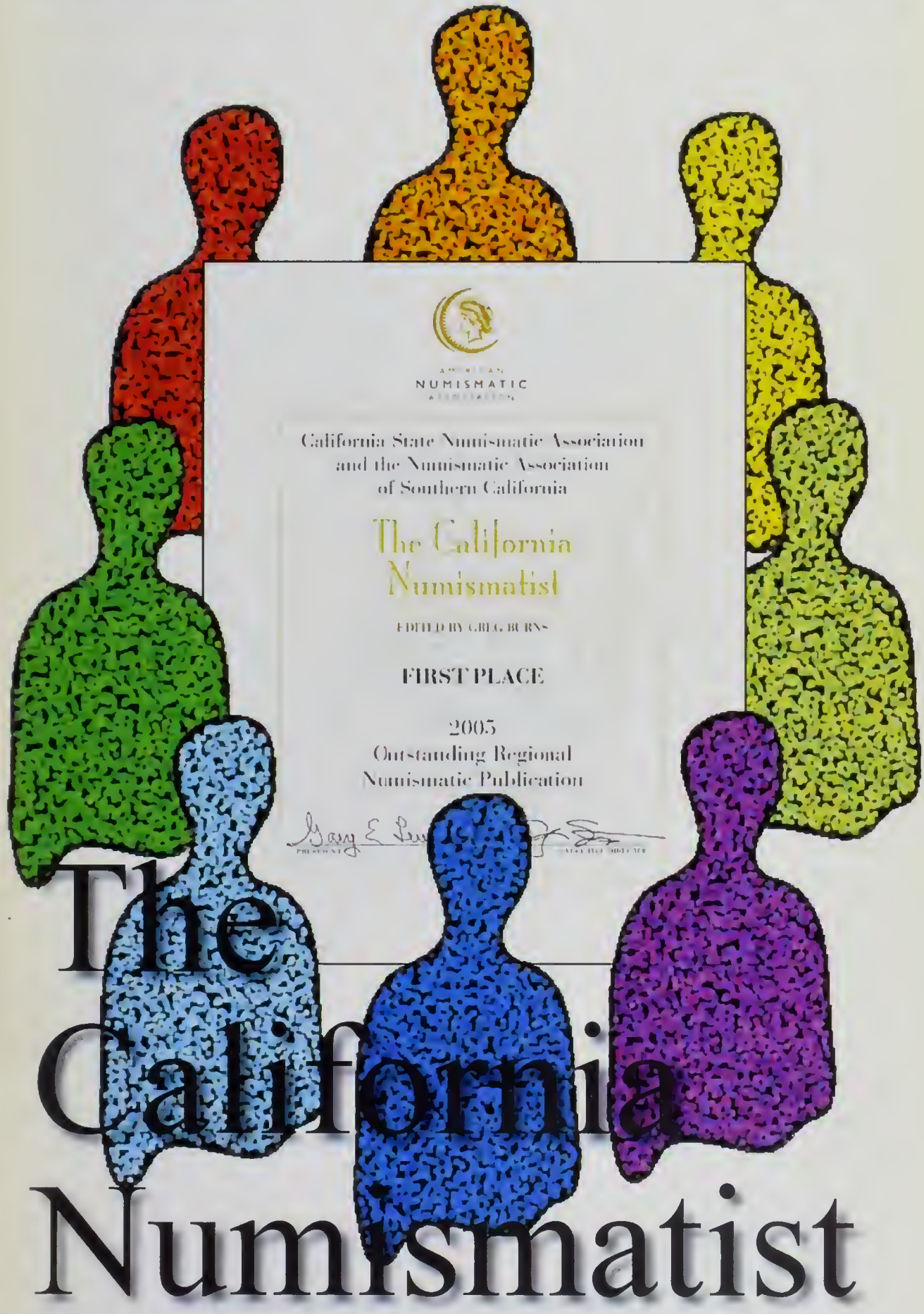

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About the Cover

Oh happy days are here again! As you can tell by the jubilant image, our little publication has remained whole. With the urging of many members of both organizations, the leadership of both the NASC and the CSNA were able to work together and resolve the recent difficulties regarding the literary awards.

We also won first place in the ANA's Outstanding Regional Numismatic Publication contest. This was a step up from the second place award we took last year. Wish us luck for the next one!

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The California Numismatist has a Web site at www.CalNumismatist.com. You can find the official scoop there in between issues. Also, both CSNA and NASC maintain their own Web sites at:

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Presidents' Messages

NASC...

Hello again;

We lost a bright star in the numismatic community; Thelma Katzman died in a tragic auto accident. She was the mother of Harold and wife to Jack. Thelma was always ready to take on the responsibility of any task or job she was asked to do and did it with enthusiasm. She was past president and editor of the Upland Coin Club; also, she was the NASC historian, young numismatists chair, and photographer. She was much more than earthly titles—she will be missed.

NASC and CSNA have agreed to continue publishing the award-winning journal, *The California Numismatist*. Yes sir, two great organizations that do not always see eye to eye have come together to resolve this important dilemma. It's OK to have different ideas and views on the direction this organization should be headed. After all, we don't drive the same cars or live in the same type of houses. Just think how boring it would be if all the trees were the same type, color and shape. We all have opinions, different thou they may be; it's just human nature. Respect different opinions—it makes the world go around, and also we get other views on important issues. This goes for our hobby as well. NASC and CSNA are two separate organizations that are in the same hobby: numismatics. NASC and CSNA each has its own identity; please honor and respect each club as the individual organizations they are.

My wife Terry and I were at the ANA convention in San Francisco as the exhibit co-chair. What an exciting time we had. We worked from morning to night and didn't see much of San Francisco. At the banquet NASC received a plaque for 50 years of membership with the ANA—quite an honor. The only side-trip we took was the Alcatraz Island night tour. What a place; glad we were there for only a short time, not the years some people spent there.

Elections! The nominations of officers and board members for the next two years were announced at the August board meeting. The names are listed in this issue of the journal. Be sure and vote.

Respectfully yours,

Don Foster
NASC President

CSNA...

Can there be a greater joy than watching numismatists at work and at play? The summer of 2005 has been that kind of summer. Having returned from the Golden State Coin Show in Arcadia and immediately before that from the ANA's World's Fair of Money, I can truly say that it is enjoyable to observe our wonderful numismatists participating in their various numismatic activities. Thank you to Don and Terry Foster and Pauline for expertly handling the monumental task of running the ANA exhibit area at the World's Fair. Thanks Joyce Kuntz for arranging TWO feasts and great entertainment for us!

Kudos also to Michael S. Turrini for arranging such a magnificent group of lecturers! I can also proudly say that the CSNA table was a very inviting place where the visitor could go to discuss and receive information on all things "CSNA". Kay Lenker, Ginny Bourke, Roy Iwata, Stephen Huston, Phil Iversen, Grace Anderson, and Gary Beedon took turns making sure that our booth was manned 100% of the time. Thanks also to the host clubs and to all the other CSNA members who helped make the fair such a success.

In August the Golden State Coin Show again served as the site of CSNA's 117th convention, the dealer's supper, CSNA board meeting, Saturday banquet, the Nichols' Koins for Kids, the speakers, the hall of exhibits, medals table, and very busy bourse area, with all of these constituting a very happy weekend of numismatic activities. Never let it be said that our lovely state of California isn't an exciting place to live.

The Society for International Numismatics has recently made a donation to our organization in an effort to promote new and young members in addition to continued educational activities. We greatly appreciate their thoughtfulness in supporting the hobby.

Congratulations to Editor Greg Burns and *The California Numismatist* on being named this year's ANA Outstanding Regional Numismatic Publication!

I will be looking forward to seeing all of you at the CSNA Symposium, sponsored by the Vallejo Numismatic Society, on October 29!

Lila Anderson
CSNA President

Editor's Page

Well, you've probably already heard that the literary award schism is a thing of the past. I'm so grateful to all those who pulled together, lead by Lila and Don, to smooth out a path for success. Thank you, each of you.

Some of you may already be aware that I have a new mailing address. Please forward correspondence to the publication at P.O. Box 1181, Claremont, CA 91711-1181. Any mail going to the old PO Box in Glendora may have trouble getting to me, so update your contact list with the new info, please.

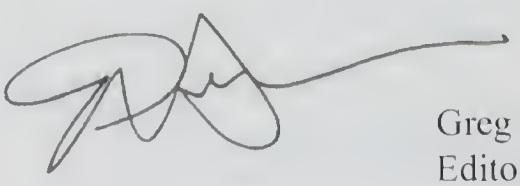
The following sharp-eyed readers managed to make it all the way to the last sentence of the back cover on the last issue (go read it yourself), and for their efforts won a 1954 uncirculated Roosevelt dime (my birth year): Lila Anderson, Stephen Huston, Bill Nash, Phil Iversen, Nona Moore, and Joel Anderson. Congratulations to all. The contest is now closed.

As you can plainly see, I'm much more relaxed than I was last quarter. Ah, life is good, especially when you're a numismatist in the great state of California!

I'm finishing up this issue a couple of wecks behind schedule due to all the last minute changes to reunite the publication. Hopefully, we'll be back on our regular schedule by the winter issue. Note that the editor's deadline for the next issue is November 15, so be sure to send anything you'd like to see published well in advance of that datc (that issue will hit reader's mailboxes around late December), and remember to use the new Claremont PO Box address.

Thanks again to all the regular contributors: Don, Lila, Stan, Kay, Tom, and Mark. And thank you to all the folks who've sent in articles for publication. Kcep them coming. Who knows? You might just win onc of the many 2005 literary awards to be presented at the Golden State Coin Show in August, 2006.

Until next issue, may your most exciting numismatic pursuit be the very next one you undertake,



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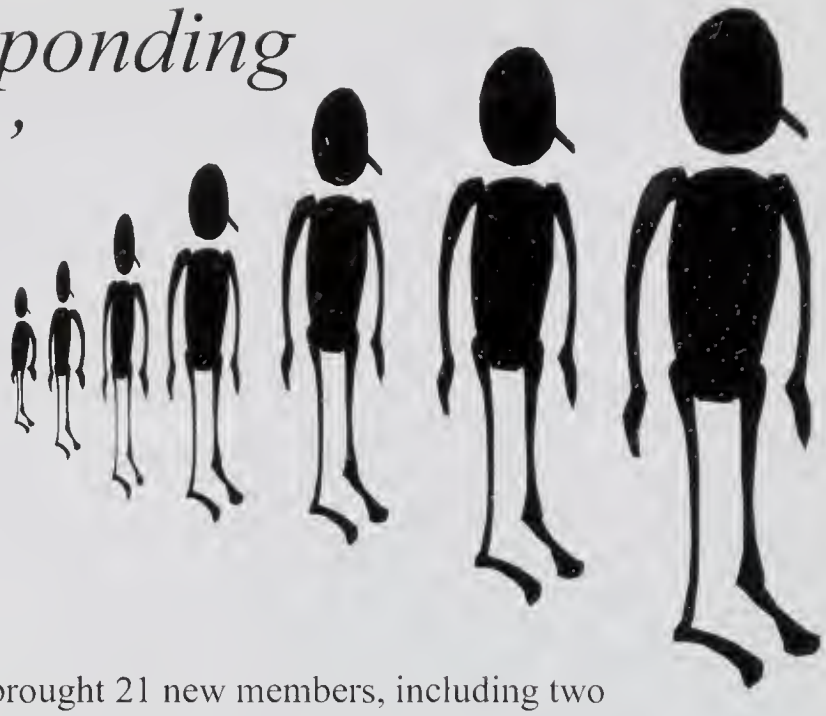

CSNA—

by Dennis Halladay

The past three months brought 21 new members, including two Junior members, which is easily the largest quarterly total since I have been corresponding secretary. The majority of these came at the recent annual show and convention of the ANA in San Francisco. Thanks to everyone who helped spread the word about CSNA at the show!

So far in 2005, total new membership stands at 41—the same number as during all of 2004. Offsetting this windfall, however, were 21 members who have been dropped this issue for non-payment of their current year's dues. If any of you know any of these people, please encourage them to remain members of our organization.

Please welcome our 21 new members. We have a tie for the lead in the new member sponsor drive between Greg Burns and Phil Iverson with five each. The full list of sponsor totals thus far is shown at the end of the report.

NASC—

by Harold Katzman

As of 9/1/05 we have the totals shown on the following page.

We had one new member join at the convention.

We also had one member deceased: Thelma Katzman

On behalf of my dad, sister and the rest of the family I want to thank NASC for their support during this difficult time. We especially appreciate the tribute done for mom both at the banquet and at the entrance of the Golden State Coin Show. A special thanks to Greg Burns for his very kind words about mom he shared on the TCN e-mail list.

Thanks again for your support, love and care.

NASC Summary

Regular members 94
Sustaining members 173
Life members 15
Club members 24
Total membership..... 306

CSNA New Regular members

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Chethan Ramachandra, R-6086 (NS)
Alameda, CA
Lance Dohe, R-6087 (NS)
San Diego, CA
Paul D. Lucas, R-6088 (NS)
Citrus Heights, CA
Daniel T. Murphy, R-6089 (NS)
Santa Rosa, CA

CSNA New address

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now in Burbank, CA
Charles White, R-6027
now in Tehachapi, CA
Eileen White, A-6028
now in Tehachapi, CA

CSNA Deceased

Thelma Katzman, R-5960
Ontario, CA

CSNA Resigned

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Albuquerque, NM

CSNA Summary

Membership on May 15, 2005	531
New Regular members	21
Deceased	-1
Resigned	-1
Dropped for non-payment of dues	-21
Membership on Aug. 20, 2005	529

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If you've moved, please help us keep our addresses up to date. Take a moment to drop us a short note to ensure that you keep getting your copy of The California Numismatist:

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Richards P. Goodson Memorial Award—honors a member by acknowledging their contributions to the NASC. Must have been an NASC member in good standing for five consecutive years. No self-nominations.

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Outstanding Numismatic Speaker Award—recognizes a member of the NASC or a member club who volunteers time and effort furthering education and NASC goals by speaking before schools, clubs, organizations, etc. No self-nominations.

Use the form below and mail to Joyce Kuntz as noted no later than 11/15/05.

NASC Annual Nomination Form

Please submit nominations as quickly as possible!

Nomination candidates to be considered between October 1 of the previous year to October 1 of the current year. Qualifications are to include achievements, accomplishments, and valued efforts in the numismatic arena. Nominee must be a member in good standing of the NASC or a member club.

Circle the appropriate award: Richard P. Goodson Award
Junior Achievement Award
Outstanding Speaker's Award

Name of nominee:_____

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Submitted by:_____Member #_____
Individual's or club's name (must be a member in good standing)

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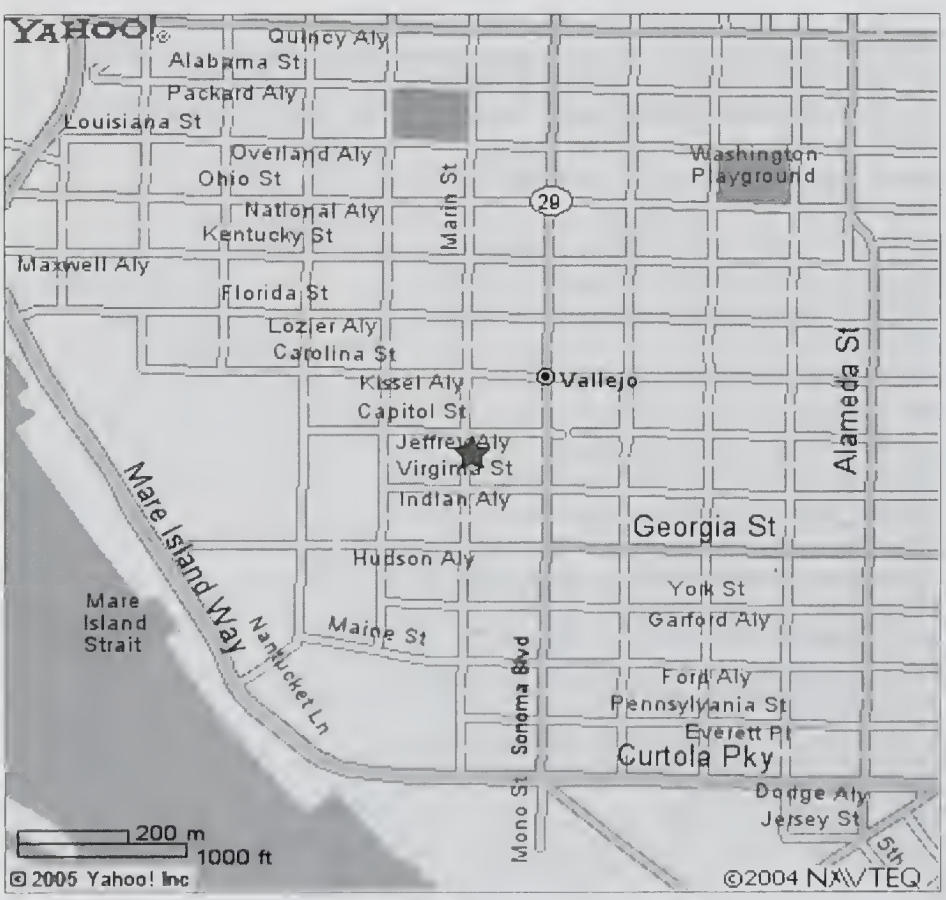

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Mr. Jim Hunt, CSNA Director of Education
1183 Nile Ave.
Chula Vista, CA 91911

or (by e-mail) to eandjonthenile@cox.net

Mr. Hunt will supply information and applications. It is recommended that you apply as soon as possible.

As a young numismatist you have already shown a dedication helping your local coin clubs at meetings and annual events. CSNA is dedicated to the furthering of scholarship and education in numismatics and we of CSNA will be proud to help you in this achievement.

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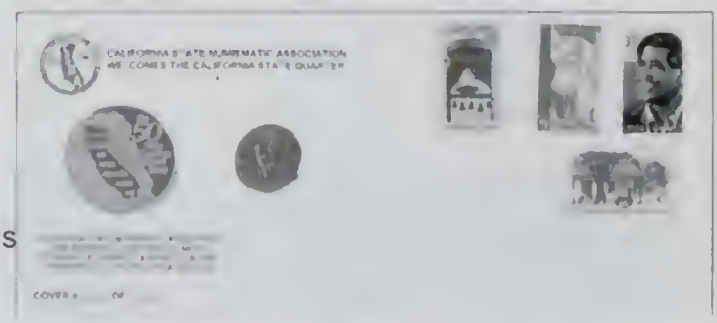

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2. Only new regular, club, or junior memberships will be counted.
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4. A member may only earn one of each type medal during the year.
5. Medals will be awarded at the San Jose Convention in January, 2006.

TCN Literary Awards—2004

Karl M. Brainard Literary Award—2004

Best Article, presented to

Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald

author of *The Story of Operation Bernhard*, in grateful recognition of your literary contribution to the education and entertainment of our readers.

Greg Burns
Editor/Publisher, The California Numismatist

I am very pleased to announce the first-ever literary award winners for *The California Numismatist*. The awards shown on the page opposite are for the 2004 publication year, and represent only original and previously unpublished articles. These hard-working authors are the folks who have created the material that propelled us to first place in the ANA's Outstanding Regional Numismatic Publication contest.

Each of the winners will receive a framed certificate (as shown above), along with my eternal gratitude. Next year we hope to make the presentations at the Golden State Coin Show, and I hope you'll consider submitting something *yourself.*

—Editor Greg Burns

Award	*Place*	*Recipient, Article*
Karl M. Brainard—Best Article		**Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald** *The Story of Operation Bernhard*
George Bennett—Ancients or Medieval (to 1500)		
	1st	**Richard Basler** *An Anglo Saxon Coin and Relic of Superstition*
	2nd	**Stephen Huston** *A Mint for Maxentius and his Honored Dead*
Charles Kappen—Exonumia		
	1st	**Harold Don Allen** *"Nooks and Crannies" Offer Delights*
	2nd	**Bill Febuary** *Not Legal Tender—From the CSNA Fresno Convention of 1966*
Bryan Burke—Foreign Coins (no entries)		
Virginia M. Hall—Medals		
	1st	**Alex Shagin** *Remember Camelot*
Charles G. Colver—Paper Instruments		
	1st	**Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald** *The Story of Operation Bernhard*
	2nd	**Harold Don Allen** *The Lady and the Tractor: Paper Money Musings*
Roy Hill—United States Coins		
	1st	**Dr. Sol Taylor** *What is the Best Grade?*
	2nd	**Don Whaley** *Got Yours?*
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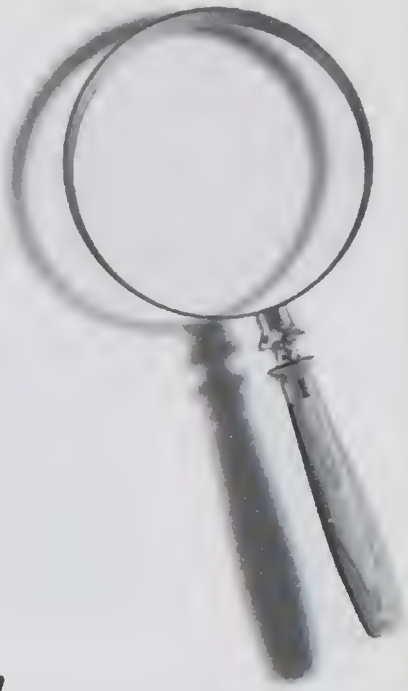
Nona G. Moore—Young Numismatist (no entries)		

Through the Numismatic Glass: Farewell, Dear Friend



by Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald

Thelma Katzman

July 9, 1933—August 13, 2005

A deliriously happy Thelma with adoring husband Jack in 1953.

Collecting coins, currency, medals, etc., is usually called a hobby, the study of coinage, an investment and/or the accumulation of valuable items. To many people, it may be all or some of these things. But this writer believes our hobby is a "people" hobby. Without people, those who share these common interests, the accumulation of coins and knowledge would be useless.

It is, after all, the people who share a common interest, who make this a living, exciting and rewarding hobby. It is the sharing of knowledge, the introduction of young people to the lore and love of coin and medal collecting and the pride of ownership that motivates us all. The "people" are the hobby. Thelma Katzman was such a person.

Thelma Katzman: Wife, Mother, and Teacher

Thelma Katzman was a wife, mother and teacher. To those of us who were privileged to know her and her family, there is no question as to the love and care that the family members held for each other. Thelma Katzman was the spirit of this family. First there was her soulmate, her loving husband of 52 years, Jack. As a mother, Thelma was very proud of her son Harold and daughter Sandy and son-in-law, Bill. Her son Mark was taken from the family earlier. Above all, the joy of Thelma's life was her grandson Patrick.

Thelma Katzman was a teacher. Her understanding of life, her love of children, and her generosity of herself for the good of others are the measure of a good and true "teacher." Thelma personified these virtues and served as a beacon for all of us to emulate.

She knew that to teach is to love. Oh how fortunate her students were! What a rare gift, her ability to share one's life with others. Thelma Katzman used her talents to guide the young students entrusted to her. She inspired and opened the world to young minds. Thelma knew and believed that the true meaning of education is to develop an enthusiasm for learning in her students. This she did with great skill.

Thelma Katzman and Coin Clubs

Thelma was a member and officer of the Upland Coin Club and the Historian of the Numismatic Association of Southern California. But to those who knew her, these were only titles and not at all indicative of what she was. Thelma was never satisfied to just attend meetings and perhaps help a little when asked. She had much more to offer, many more talents to share and took great joy in serving others.

In 2004, the NASC celebrated its 50th anniversary. All interested NASC members were invited to join together to make this a memorable occasion. When the question of planning activities and events was discussed at NASC meetings, Thelma not only offered ideas and plans, but also offered her services to turn these ideas into a plan of action. When the Golden State Coin Show opened in August 2004, Thelma manned the NASC table, greeting visitors and providing information and anniversary mementos to those attending the show. She became the NASC greeter and hostess.

This world seems to be made up of "Takers" and "Givers." Thelma

Katzman was a "Giver." She gave of herself without conditions or limits. She sought no recognition or reward. She offered her gifts and talents to all. You always knew what Thelma believed and where she stood on any question. One might disagree with her but one could never question her sincerity, integrity, and honesty.

I've known Thelma Katzman for many years. I knew her as a very special person and good friend. Through the years we have talked about many things, shoes and ships, cabbages and kings. One always knew what she believed and where she stood. This didn't change to fit the occasion or the people. She personified the trait called integrity. My life is richer because I had the privilege of sharing part of my life with her life. On August 19, 2005, her family and many friends joined together to say "We love you, we will miss you and we will remember you." Among many special and meaningful readings was a line from King David: "Let her works praise her!" Among the beautiful readings by the Rabbi were these poignant words: "To be born a lady is an accident; to die a lady is an accomplishment."

How shall we remember her and how shall she live on in our hearts and memories? She was remarkable and colorful, but most of all she was a great lady, utterly irreverent, full of love and life and much fun!

At the end of the service her body was taken and she was laid to rest. But the soul of Thelma Katzman, her glowing, beautiful, fervent soul surely is alive in eager joy upon some other dawn. She will be with all who remember her, she will remain alive in our hearts, in each of our memories, in the lives of those young folks she loved and to those she inspired to pursue this wonderful "people" hobby and to those who put the service to others before their own adulation. Farewell, dear friend!

Thelma cutting the rug with Barry Stuppler at the 2004 GSCS Banquet.

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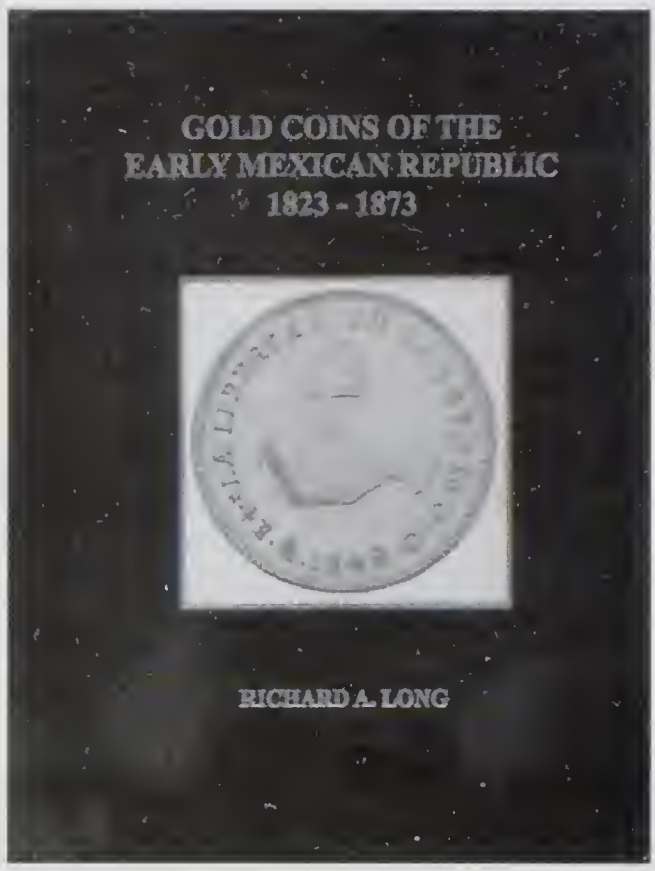
Notes on Gold Coins of the Early Mexican Republic, 1823-1873

review by Michael Ontko



A new book by Richard A. Long

Mexican numismatics has been a recognized subset of world coin collecting since the days of Miguel Muñoz and Alberto Pradeau in the 1930s. The area became popularized by the work of Neil Utberg, Thomas Buttrey and Clyde Hubbard in the 1960s. This research was codified in the lists of Krause-Mishler's Standard Catalog of World Coins, and there it has more or less lain since the early 1980s. In 1997, Superior Stamp & Coin published Dunigan and Parker's Resplandores: Cap and Ray 8 Reales of the Republic of Mexico, 1823-1897, and things began to look up. The authors were the first to bring a Walter Breen level of scholarship to Mexican coins, and the book was greeted with acclaim and is frequently cited in articles, auction catalogs and the like.

Inspired the success of that book, longtime Mexican dealer and scholar Richard A. Long brought out last year a new work, Gold Coins of the Early Mexican Republic, 1823-1873 (North Bend, OR: Wegferd Publishing, 2004, 547 pp., b & w illus.), covering the pre-decimal series of gold coins issued by Mexico during 1823-1873, including the ½, 1, 2, 4 and 8 escudos. This book has been ignored and no reviews of it have appeared in the trade press. This is disappointing, as works of this nature are badly needed.

The book is straightforward. After a brief introduction explaining the listings, each issue is listed by denomination, mint and date, generally with one page devoted to each. Each listing receives a paragraph on "Rarity" (relative to other issues of the same series), "Condition" (noting which are common in high grade, which come well struck, etc.), "Varieties" (particularly overdates), "Offerings" and "Value" (discussion of how the coin was valued in prior publications). In a trademark Richard Long touch, the offerings are summarized on a semilog chart, with different symbols for each grade much as an astronomer might use different size stars to indicate vari-

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ous magnitude objects on a chart of the constellations. Chapter headings for each denomination summarize the information in tables and display photographs of samples of each denomination. The 8 escudos listings occupy half the book, which is reasonable as this was by far the most important denomination.

Those expecting neatly typed rows of prices in the style of the Red Book or the SCWC will be disappointed. Most issues are too scarce to assign accurate prices, with even the common ones trading only a few times per year. Instead, the author estimates rarity by counting the offerings, i.e., the number of times the coin has appeared in an auction catalog or published price list. His objective, stated in the introduction, was "to look as the numbers of these coins that have appeared on the market and the condition in which they have appeared....a book about scarcities and values...."

Alas, by focusing on the market, the author has made the book ephemeral. It is impossible for one individual to know everything that is going on, particularly if one no longer attends auctions or travels to shows. His research, though diligent (he mentions 486 offerings for the 1862Go 8 escudos), is inevitably incomplete.

The author could have avoided this by expanding on the history of the coins. Is there information on who designed the coins? Are there patterns? How did political turbulence affect output, especially the Mexican-American War (1846-48), the War of the Reform (1857-60) and the French invasion (1862-67)? What was the process by which these coins were superseded by the decimal coins of 1869-1905? Were these coins legal tender outside Mexico, particularly in the USA? How were the mints operated, especially those leased by foreign companies?

It was particularly disappointing not to see more photographs. The few photographs presented are displayed at the head of each chapter and come from Long catalogs of yore. While adequate, sharper images are now possible. Photographs are an essential aid to detecting counterfeits and illustrating changing die styles. While the author mentions the European eagle (found on Durango mint coins) and the "British eagle" (found on coins from Culiacan and Guadalupe y Calvo—called the "Sonoran eagle" in Resplandores), nowhere are they explained.

Specialists will buy this book, despite the high price, if only to gain access to the author's forty years of experience. Others will find more history and background in Resplandores or Buttrey-Hubbard's Guide Book to Mexican Coins.

This book is available for $125 by writing to the author, Richard A. Long, at P. O. Box 296, Langlois, OR 97450.

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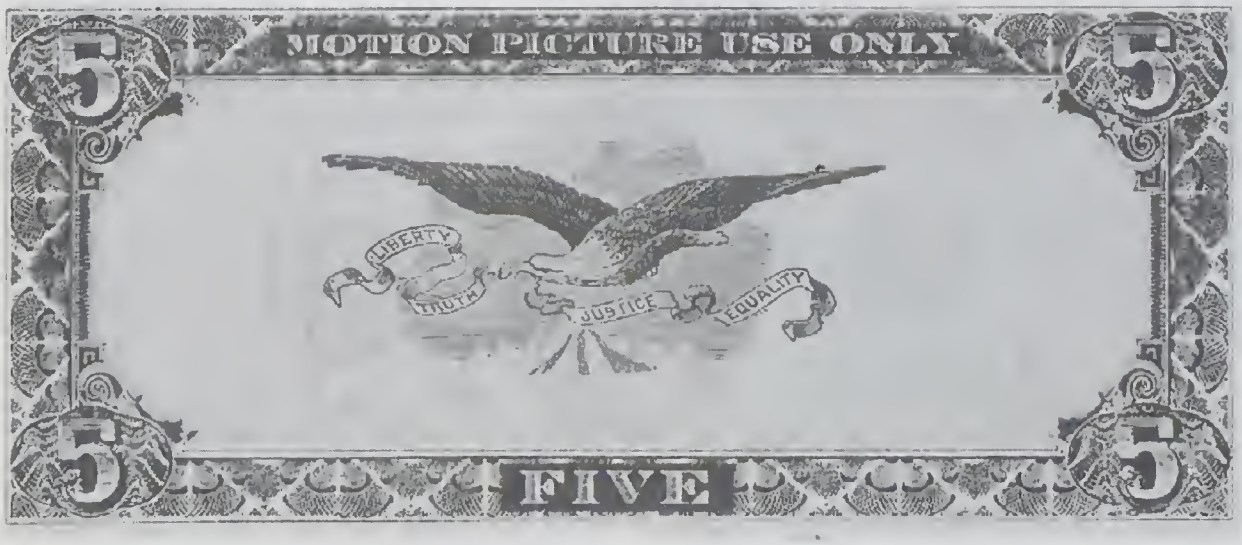
Playing with Money

by Billy J. Febuary



How many of you out there reading this article may already be aware of the fun that can be had by collecting another numismatic collectible by the name of *play money*?

Not too long ago I was approached by a fellow numismatist who was fairly new to attending the Visalia Coin Club, and he started to chat with me about what he collected. We struck up a friendly conversation because I am so interested in paper money and his collecting fever was very similar in mine, as he collected play money.

At that meeting, he showed me his book of play money that he had put together, and after the meeting we met at a local cafe in Visalia to have a late night snack and to discuss further about his hobby. As we chatted, he withdrew from his collection several items that he said were extras and that he wanted me to have.

From that very first meeting, we formed a bond of friendship and each time we would meet he would have additional play money pieces for me. My next goal was to get something to place these pieces into and to organize them some way for others to see. I had shared this new found hobby with my close friend and fellow numisma-

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tist, Ruth Phillips, who of course is our current CSNA librarian. Lo and behold, for my Christmas gift this past year, Ruth gave me an expensive currency album in which to store my new-found hobby so that I would be able to share it with others. This album was not the cheap type, but one with a simulated leather covering and removable pages; one in which I could add additional pages.

As I delved into this new-found hobby I have found that not only are these articles called play money, but many of them were used in the movies as prop money for the various films that were produced in which money was seen as being exchanged between the actors. This included foreign films, Civil War films, as well as old-time movies where money was displayed in the various scenes. Many of the pieces are actual replicas of Mexican pesos, Civil War Notes, fictitious large-sized bills with huge denominations that really did not exist as mediums of exchange, but were merely used to set the stage for the movie background and plot. I have now expanded my new hobby with some of those same replicas as well as the ones that I have produced from the Internet that were used before the turn of the 20th Century.

There is a new publication that has just been issued, which is called *Show Me The Money*. It is a book that is highlighted as the "standard catalog of motion picture, television, stage and advertising prop money" and is written by Fred Reed. A very delightful book that has reflections on play money and all of the above.

All in all, this new-found hobby has expanded my research interest and added new insights into my collecting enthusiasm, and I have also formed a new friend that has the same interests as me.

California Coin Pioneers: Nancy-Jo and Michael Stanley

by Michael S. Turrini

Nancy-Jo and Michael show some of the many numismatic memorabilia items they display in their home. Sharp-eyed readers will note the photo of cut-up Rudy Gjurovich of the San Jose area, also known as "King of the Coin Collectors."

"Now, Michael, he is here to interview me as much as you", so interjected Nancy-Jo Stanley on Saturday, June 11 when I spent some time at their Concord home, with the well-known husband and wife coin activist team, Michael and Nancy-Jo Stanley, who on the previous May 25 celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary.

"You can share your 'tail' later. Michael [referring to the interviewer, Michael S. Turrini], wants to hear about 'tales', not some 'tail' you got in Hobart, Tasmania, over thirty years ago", Nancy-Jo protested. It should be noted that for most of the past thirty years most would have known Nancy-Jo simply as "Nancy, wife of Mike 'Steamer' Stanley."

"You know that I wear Michael's recliner chair", he reminded.

With a tear in his eye, Michael, setting back in his computer chair in his den filled to the ceiling with mementos, trophies, and albums covering a twenty-plus year United States Navy career and his seven decades in organized numismatics, paused. Nancy, his wife of three decades replied, "Honey, let me relay this story." Nancy-Jo, smiling, stepped back into the kitchen to continue the dinner preparations.

"Let me get the facts straight. It has been years. Was still in the Navy and did not have much money. Nancy knew that I always wanted a recliner. You might say just like Dagwood in the comics or 'Father Knows Best', but I wanted her to have something." he began.

"Can't recall the exact year, but I was still stationed on the USS Enterprise and we landed in San Diego, California. Having known 'Trader Jim Hill' for years, visited his shop, 'The Treasure Trove', and spotted a Mexican fifty peso with the necklace. Said 'Nancy would look great wearing this at the next CSNA Awards Banquet'", he progressed.

"Bought it on my name only. 'Trader Jim' said, 'Steamer, you ain't going anyplace soon'", Steamer (Michael's old Navy handle), continued.

"When I got back to Concord, home on leave, walked through our front door, that very door you came in, and said 'Nancy, here is my recliner', and placed it on her, she cried. You know all the years since, and all the trials and troubles that we witness in this house and with Penny and Todd growing-up, she kept it and still wears it", Steamer ended, fighting back the tears from his wet eyes. "Tell your readers, we did purchase my recliner later, and in fact have two", he added. "But, Nancy still looks so sharp wearing that Mexican fifty peso," he complimented, with a noticeable crack in his voice.

When you meet and talk to two who have been involved with so many numismatic events, the famous and legendary 1970s and 1980s CSNA spring conventions at the Jack Tar (now Cathedral Hill) Hotel, you are talking to living history.

Nancy-Jo, returning from their recently refurbished kitchen, added, "The names keep coming back to me and Michael. Your readers have to know who was there long before them today". Looking at Michael, she and he began pitching names back-and-forth: Ralph "Curly" Mitchell, Bryan Burke, Paul Snedaker, Clay Read, Don Thrall, Barbara Hyde, Bill and Elizabeth Wisslead, Al Baber, Milton Strauch, and Clifford Bloom. With the

last name Steamer stopped, saying, "Clifford was always a 'Rare Portrait In Gold' as his (usual) exhibit title at CSNA Conventions. Never changed the title, carried the background in his single brief case, and had just one coin or medal, always, always, something in gold."

"Don't forget that we always at CSNA Banquets sat with him and Victor and Raisa Titoff", Nancy-Jo enjoined. "Don't forget how Clifford would get an unsolicited extra dessert by removing his quickly off the table and telling the waiter or waitress that he had yet to receive his dessert", he laughed.

Asking what she missed about those grand days at the Jack Tar Hotel, Nancy-Jo was quick to remark, "It was mandatory back then to attend the awards banquet. No excuses, and you got dressed for it. I lament the loss of the decor and attendance: there could be two hundred or more, and everyone was there".

"You know Michael's late parents would even attend, and it was a chance to see those you had not heard from in a year or so", she continued, intense in her voice. "You know it was onee the rule, the mandatory obligation, that if you exhibited and wanted to be presented an award, that you did attend the awards banquet. Now, we would be lucky to have thirty in attendance", she lamented.

Asking what she has enjoyed about numismatics, Nancy-Jo, looking about her, replied, "Our house. Baek in 1977, Miehael sold some gold coins making the down payment. So, you can say that numismatics put a roof over me", she noted.

Steamer himself has been involved with numismatics since 1949 when he received a two-cent piece, still held in his collections. Nancy-Jo was introduced to numismatics by Michael when they were dating and courting.

"I would drive Michael back to Alameda Naval Air Station so he would not miss morning muster and save him a few cents on AC Transit", she laughed.

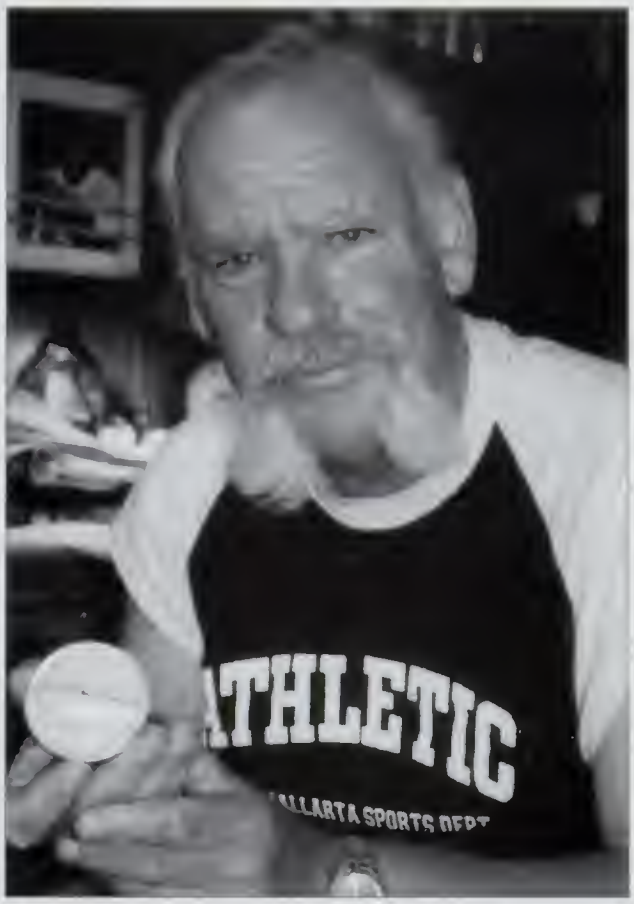
"But I knew what my life would be when Michael took me to the San Francisco Coin Club on our second date. Our second date! The first was a double date to Fisherman's Wharf, and knowing that a sailor would be in my life, the San Francisco Coin Club was a shock, and for a date, too", she began.

"The club gathered back then at Forest Lodge in San Francisco's Portola Valley. The Lodge was packed, packed, wall-to-wall with people and dealing, all activity", he recollected. Nancy-Jo herself would later serve as the club's vice-president in 1976, and Michael would be, over the years, the club's president, vice-president, treasurer, seeretary, and editor, and still remains its historian. Steamer noted proudly that he "has three filled boxes with the archives and history of the SFCC, and I am member #110, making me the 'Dean of the Regular Members', holding the longest continuous active membership".

"Could not count the number of board of·governors meetings held in our living room or at the kitchen table, the number of center pieces created, the gifts wrapped, and the telephone calls answered", Nancy-Jo eommented. When asked a number, all she could muster "was in the hundreds".

"Yeah, let's talk about telephone

Steamer holds the silver USS Enterprise commissioning medal.



calls, Nancy", Steamer excitedly interjected.

"Now, let me remember the year. Oh, it was in 1984, and I was the chairperson for the 74th CSNA convention, set as usual at the then-titled Jack Tar Hotel", he began, easing himself into his chair while checking his e-mails on the screen to his right.

"This was my first 'swing-at-the bat' as a show chairperson, having the encouragement of Ed Fulwider and O.L. Wallis. The bourse had been sold-out, and the awards banquet program was at the printer, and the famous luncheon had been finalized", he continued.

"Can't remember the exact date, but coming home on a short liberty off the USS Enterprise, having finished a brief cruise down the California coast, I walked into the front door, that very one there", he pointed to their entry door, "and the telephone rang, right as I walked in and before even giving Nancy a kiss", he joked. "On the line was O.L. Wallis who, after a few pleasantries, said, 'Turn on to channel four, KRON, and look; the hotel is burning, a six alarm fire'", he calmly suggested.

"Well sure enough, there on the TV was the smoke, aerial ladders, traffic blocked on Van Ness, and water being sprayed all over the place", he chuckled.

"Well, pal, there was a problem. Although my retirement was in the works, the Enterprise was due to ship-out shortly", he progressed.

"Having married a nurse, Nancy got on the telephone and contacted the San Francisco Convention Bureau, and via the telephone, and while I was still at sea on the Enterprise, transferred the Convention to the newly opened Meridian, right in the downtown area", he proudly continued.

"She did all by telephone, and while I was still on duty at sea," Steamer noted. "You might say that is why I married her, a nurse, for she can fix it right", he laughed.

Pausing for a moment, Steamer did add, in a serious voice, that "I have been sleeping with the same woman now for thirty years, and if Nancy ever finds out, I'm a gonner", he commented. "Who else would marry both a sailor and the hobby", he reflected.

Nancy, returning from the kitchen, replied that if she had to do it again, "Well, that is what you get when you

marry the combination of a sailor and a coin hobbyist".

"You know, Michael, our kids figure into this, and not for any reason about having them and raising a family," she began.

"We had Penny, our eldest and now grown daughter, who is married with two children", she continued. "Michael and I wanted to continue the coin names, and in an elevator at the Jack Tar Hotel, walking to a CSNA awards banquet, and being five months pregnant, we exchanged names, and agreed if it was a boy, he would be Todd Nicholas, for 'nickels'", she retold.

Todd Nicholas it was, and on August 20, 2005, Todd is marrying. Todd has carried on his father's second career, and he is a letter carrier with the United States Postal Service (USPS) in Concord. Penny, their eldest, lives now in Virginia, with her active duty United States Army husband.

"Back then, when the kids were youngsters, we encouraged them to exhibit. Penny earned several trophies, and one was taller than her at the time. Have to credit the late Ralph 'Curly' Mitchell, who encouraged me and the kids to try to display, and as you can see in the den, the Stanley's did earn their fair share of awards", she noted, pointing to their den's shelves stacked with trophies and walls covered with plaques, along with other memorabilia.

One confession that Nancy-Jo did share in our three-hour exchange was that she does not collect, and her intention was to assist Michael while he was still shipped-out active duty.

Michael was covered in the Winter 1981 issue of the then-titled *Calcoin News* of the CSNA, with a "Who's Who In Cal-State", and recently was a "coin celebrant" in the *Numismatic News* issue of November 23, 2004. For Nancy-Jo, this "California Coin Pioneer" would be the first opportunity that others would read "her side of the story."

Asking if she had any lessons or thoughts to share, Nancy-Jo started with "be creative. Even I tried my artistic skill from tole painting and sewing and did award winning medal designs for CSNA, the San Francisco Coin Club, the Northern California Numismatic Association, the Diablo Numismatic Society, and the Vallejo Numismatic Society. If I can, so can others".

"Don't be afraid and do get involved. I have hosted dinners, board meetings, parties, and whatever. Just 'get-in-and-do-it', and you shall meet some great people," she added.

"Looking back, I have never had the idea that this hobby could be so much for someone who just collects pennies," she joked.

Leaving to set the table, Steamer, looking about his filled den, pulled a large United States Mint silver medal from his dusted shelf, and reminisced, "Clay Read, one of my mentors, had contacted a lady in a coin shop in Tasmania, where I was passing through on the Enterprise, and unknown to me, when I inquired about this medal, the owner, an older lady, replied, 'Sir, it is not for sale, as it is being held for a sailor on the Enterprise.' I replied to the women that I was stationed on the carrier, and she gave me the sailor's name, and it was mine! Apparently, Clay, who is long gone, had arranged to have the medal held for me, and for

$20.00. Here it is now," he paused, with a lump in his throat, displaying the medal.

"Okay, dinner is soon ready. Now, you can explain your 'tale' not 'tail'", Nancy-Jo emphasized.

"Now back in November, 1976, the Enterprise was ported in Hobart, Tasmania, and I was covering the evening radio watch when the ship's chaplain called and requested five sailors, ready and dressed in their best pressed blues, for the following evening, to be hosted by the Women's Liberal Party. Wow, 'women liberals', I thought, and these must be those gals who streak naked, burn clothes, and have no restrictions. A 'sailor's dream!'", he began.

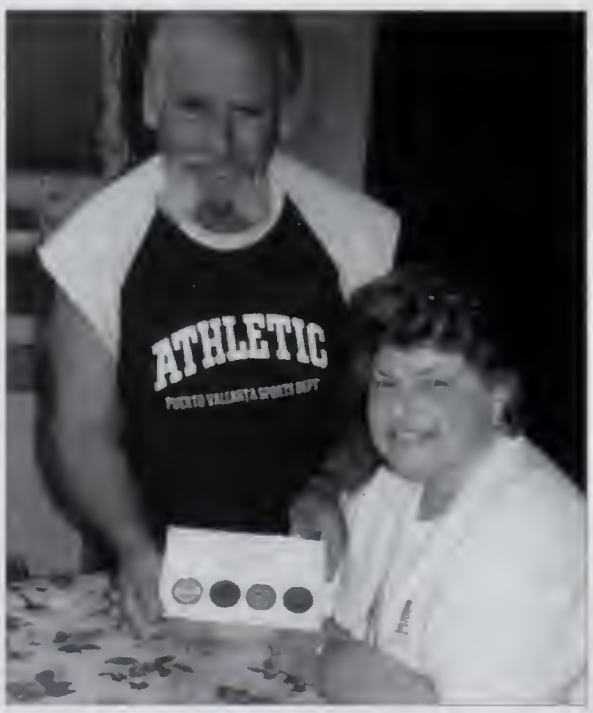
"Next evening, on dockside, my shipmates and I dressed in our best blues were ready. Here comes a 1926 Jaguar, something from a 1920s Hollywood silent black-and-white flick, and we were driven to a mansion outside of Hobart. This wasn't just a mansion, it was the local branch of the Playboy Club," he laughed. "Boy, this was the night for any sailor, I thought, as we drove through the wrought iron gate," he continued. "The brick and ivy, the great tall windows, I must have died," he added.

"Well, the main entry door opened and an old woman, in her 80s, greeted us, and welcomed us in. What turned out to be 'liberal beaux-burners' were elderly members of the then-running Australian Liberal Party", he joked. "None were younger than 80, and we were fed and wined royally," he laughed.

"At the end, the oldest, our hostess, presented me a 'tail', a kangaroo's tail, as a gift of thanks. Kept it for weeks in my locker until it stunk so badly it had to be 'deep-sixed'", Steamer remembered. "That was the only 'tail' I got in Australia!", he confirmed.

"Better have been the only 'tail' that you brought back, Michael, or we would not be eating now. Enough 'tales', dinner is ready," Nancy-Jo stopped us.

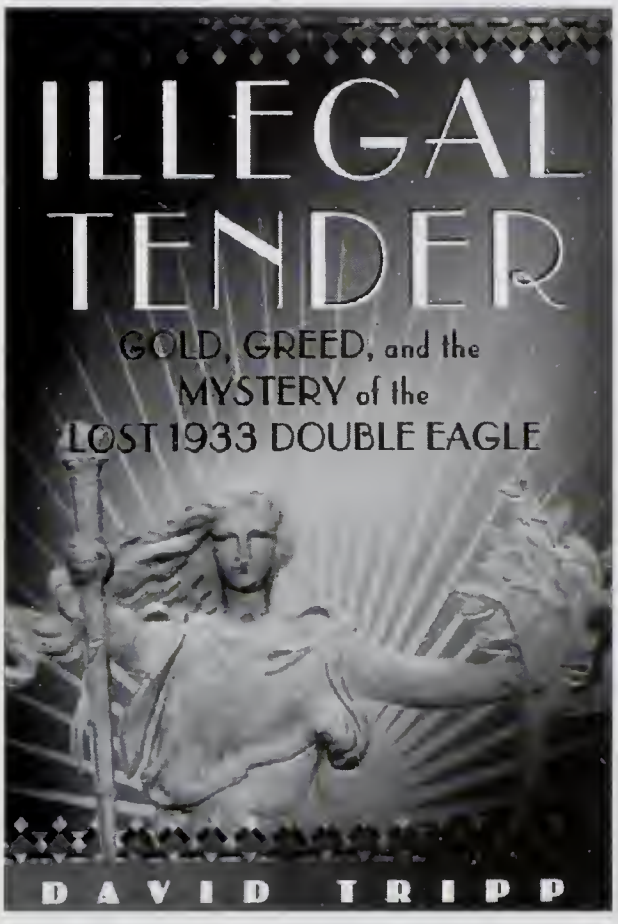
With that "tail", we ended our interview and enjoyed a nice meal at a table at which so many other coin events and meetings and projects have been decided, planned, and celebrated over the past thirty years. A true coin couple, Michael "Steamer" and Nancy-Jo Stanley. Keep up the "tales!"

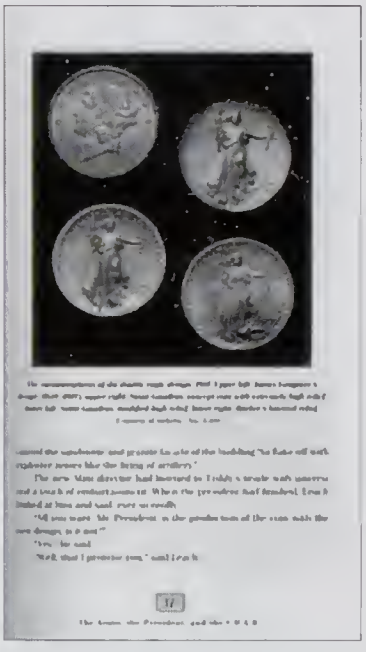


Nancy-Jo and Michael display an off-metal presentation set of the 1985 San Francisco Coin Club medal that she designed.

The Book Report

by Mark Watson





Book Reviewed: *Illegal Tender: Gold, Greed, and the Mystery of the Lost 1933 Double Eagle*
by David Tripp

There are only a few coins that could be the sole subject of a book. Among them would be such rarities as the 1804 Silver Dollar, the 1913 Liberty Nickel, and the 1933 St. Gaudens Double Eagle. In David Tripp's fascinating book, *Illegal Tender: Gold, Greed, and the Mystery of the Lost 1933 Double Eagle*, the lore and facts surrounding this ever so controversial coin are discussed in depth. Mr. Tripp's research on the subject comes alive throughout the book, captivating the reader as he unweaves this tale of intrigue.

After the brief prologue that gives a glimpse into what is in store, David Tripp breaks the book up into three main sections—the origins of the coin and its subsequent fate to the melting pot in the 1930s, the investigation of the coin's legality during the 1940s, and finally, the recent history of the coin.

Though this book deals specifically with the 1933 issued $20 St. Gaudens, it starts with the creation of the coin in the early 1900s, and President Theodore Roosevelt's invitation to Augustus Saint-Gaudens to create coins of artistic merit. The book then moves into the problems of the Great Depression gripping the country in the 1930s. Mr. Tripp details the heroic efforts of Treasury Secretary William Woodin, who, through draconian tactics, stopped the gold hemorrhage that the country was going through, but also took the country off the gold standard on March 6, 1933, when Presidential Proclamation 2039 went into effect. Though helping the country economically, these various Proclamations issued during the early days of President Franklin Roosevelt's tenure are a key element to the entire story of the coin, creating the time line for what gold coins were legal to own. The section ends with a detailed look at the production, storage, and destruction of the 1933 coinage, and highlights how the $20 piece could never have been released for circulation legally.

In the second part, the year leaps forward to 1944, with the country in the midst of World War II. First comes the wrongly issued export license to King Farouk's agent for a 1933 $20 gold piece; the export license requirement also came out of the 1933 Proclamations. Then, just a week later, an innocent enquiry by a reporter regarding the rarity of another 1933 $20 gold piece in an upcoming auction starts the ball rolling for an in-depth investigation of the legality of the coin by the Secret Service. Though known to exist in numismatic circles since 1937, it wasn't until 1944 that the question was posed to the right person that would affect the status of the coin. This section is littered with names from the past such as F.C.C. Boyd, James Stack, B. Max Mehl, Ira Reed, and others, including one of the sources of the coin, Israel Switt. Tripp chronologically goes through all the investigation, detailing the coins that were initially recovered much to the anguish of their owners, along with pitching a heavy line towards how the coins escaped from the Mint. At the end of the section, all known 1933 $20 gold piece are accounted for and melted, except for the King Farouk specimen, withdrawn from his auction in 1954.

For the last section, David Tripp recounts the recent history of the coin. For those familiar with the story, this covers the recent events starting with the purchase of the coin by Stephen Fenton, to the sting operation resulting in the recovery of the coin, to the auctioning of the only legal-to-own 1933 Double Eagle. However, the section goes into more depth than what has been written in the past and reveals a lot of the behind-the-scenes action.

This book delves deeply into the coin, and dispels many of the frequently encountered tales about how the 1933 $20 gold piece left the Mint prior to the gold ban by either hindsight or error. David Tripp does a wonderful job exploring all the details and myths surrounding this coin, and firmly comes to the conclusion that, like the title exclaims, the coin is illegal tender. Perhaps Israel Switt's ancestors should have read the book prior to turning ten of the coins over to the government.

ANA Report

by Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald
ANA Representative for the CSNA

The 114th World's Fair of Money, the anniversary convention of the American Numismatic Association, was held in San Francisco, July 27th through July 31st. Ken Barr served as the general chairman. CSNA board of director member Don Foster and his wife, Terry, assisted by Pauline Pelletier, were the exhibit co-chairpersons, repeating their duties from the ANA convention in Anaheim in 1995.

Three Californians were installed as elected officers during the banquet. Barry Stuppler, from Southern California, was elected vice president, and Don Kagin and Walter Ostromecki were elected to the board of governors.

The attendance report indicated that much business was conducted during the first few days of the show. Perhaps this reflected the expenses encountered in the city of San Francisco, including parking and meals. In fact, some dealers indicated that much of the business was between dealers at the show. Yet the attendance on the 2nd floor viewing the exhibits, visiting the various mints and the club tables was brisk.

The "Best of the Best" Club Periodicals

California Numismatist Honored

The California Numismatist, jointly published by the California State Numismatic Association and the Numismatic Association of Southern California, and edited by Greg Burns, was named the "Best of the Best Club Periodicals" in the category of Regional Publications. Congratulations are due to our editor for a job well done.

San Diego Numismatic Society Bulletin

This publication of the San Diego Numismatic Society was named the first place winner in the category of publications for local clubs. Rex L. Salmon is the editor. We offer our congratulations to Rex and tell him to keep up the good work.

The ANA San Francisco Convention Medal

The design of this medal merges icons of San Francisco's history. Entitled *Timelines*, the medal depicts images of the old San Francisco Mint and the gold rush, as well as a cable car and the Golden Gate bridge. The medal was designed by Garrett and Michelle Burke and sculpted by Alex Shagin.

ANA Rewards

Among those honored for their service to the ANA and numismatics was former Executive Director Edward C. Rochette. Earlier, the ANA Money Museum's main gallery was dedicated to him. Joseph E. Boling, long time head exhibit judge for the

Above: Kay Lenker and Roy Iwata staff the CSNA table at the ANA World's Fair of Money, enticing passers-by to investigate joining the association.

Left: the official ANA medal for the San Francisco show was designed by Garrett and Michelle Burke and sculpted by Alex Shagin.

ANA, received its highest honor, the Farran Zerbe Memorial Award. Medal of Merits were presented to Donald E. and Lois R Bailey and Dwight N. Manley during the convention in San Francisco.

Convention Participants

Joyce and Lee Kuntz were very busy serving as hosts in the Hospitality Room on the 2nd floor of the convention hall. Dorothy Baber, with the able assistance of her daughter Vickie, made sure all visitors were properly registered. The "golden tones," known as the voice of Mike Stanley, could be heard from the information desk making announcements over the public address system. Gary Beedon, Jim Hunt, and Kay Lenker served as exhibit judges. Among the many exhibits were the award-winning entries of Phil Iverson and Kay Lenker.

There were many other CSNA members busy at the show. These included Freddie and Bill Grant, Stan Turrini and Gordon Donnell. Please note it is impossible for this reporter to list the names of all the Californians who were busy in San Francisco. We apologize if we didn't list you.

CSNA Table

The CSNA requested and received permission to have a table at this convention. CSNA President Lila Anderson was the hostess. Ginny Bourke, Steve Houston, Phil Iverson, Roy Iwata, Kay Lenker and many others ably assisted her.

Next ANA Show

The National ANA Money Show is scheduled for April 7-9, 2006 at the Cobo Galleria in Atlanta, Georgia. More information will be listed in future publications of this column. The next anniversary convention will be in Denver, Colorado.

Golden State Coin Show Report

Well, another year has passed and the latest GSCS is history. I'm told this was the 16th GSCS, and the 117th CSNA convention. Well, it was a busy weekend no matter what the number.

The bourse floor had a good level of activity on both days. Of course, we're always interested in ways to boost attendance at the show, so let us know if you have any ideas about how to enhance attendance. Be sure to mark your calendars for the end of August next year for the 17th GSCS (and bring a friend).

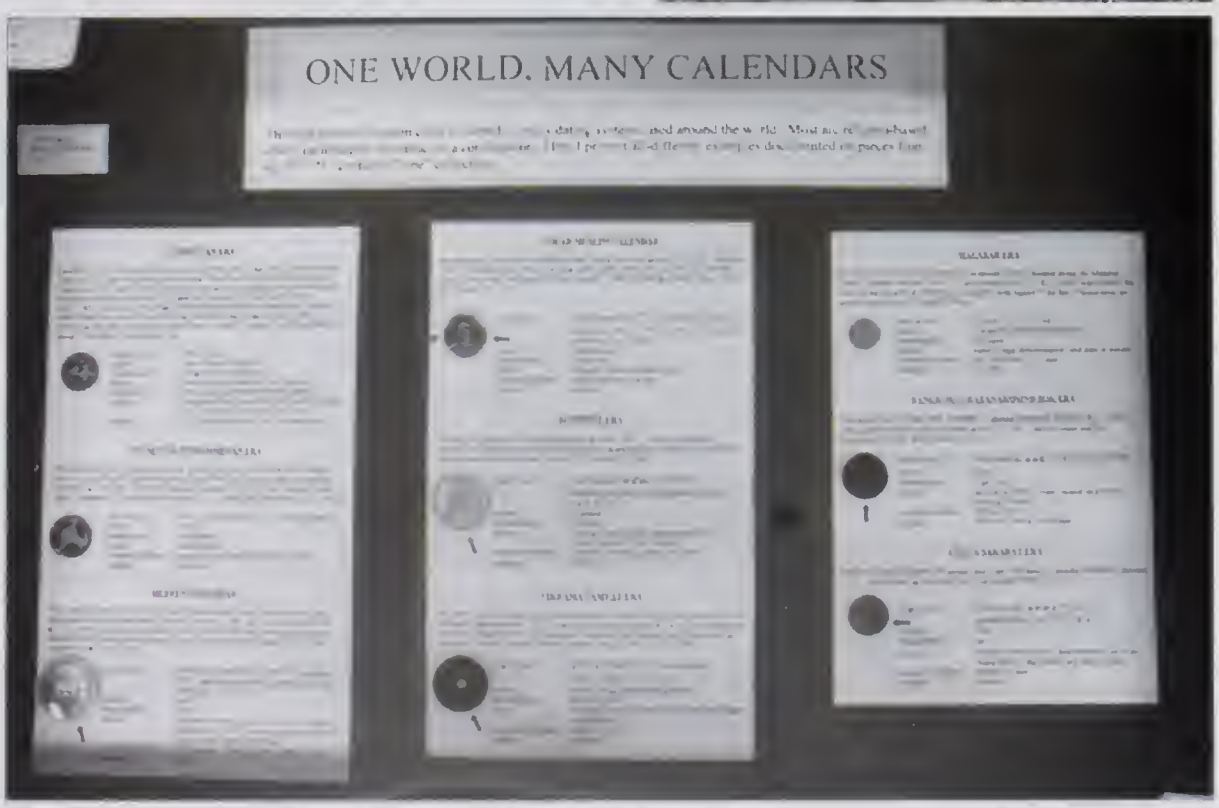
As you can see from the mother and daughter in the photo above, the "Coins for Kids" table, run by David and Nancee Nichols, was again a big hit. What a terrific way to introduce kids to the hobby.

The photos on the following pages show the fun we had, and Ginny Bourke finishes off with a detailed exhibit awards report.

Above: the bourse floor had a good level of activity on both Saturday and Sunday.

Right: Our entertainer for the banquet, Larry Travis (909-877-3915), had an amazing range of voices: Sinatra, Martin, Louis Armstrong, and many more. Several folks were convinced he was lip-syncing, but he wasn't.

Below: Ken Spindler's exhibit, "One World, Many Calendars" took first place in the Modern Foreign category, as well as the Best of Show. Ken wore the carpet out walking up to collect his four different exhibit awards (see end of report for a complete listing of exhibit winners.)



Ginny Bourke and Pauline Pelletier present Kay Lenker with the second place award for her exhibit on "The Wildman on Coins" in the Modern Foreign Category.

Kay Lenker presents Ken Spindler the first place award for his exhibit on "One World, Many Calendars" in the Modern Foreign category.

Jim Hunt (right) presents Jim Wells the first place award for his exhibit on "Gold Dollar Firsts" in the Gold category.

Harold Katzman (right) presents Gary Beedon with the third place award for his exhibit on "The Katanga Cross" in the Miscellaneous category.

Harold Katzman (right) presents Jim Hunt the first place award for his exhibit on "Lewis and Clark Expedition" in the Miscellaneous category.

Gary Beedon (right, representing the California Exonumist Society) presents Jim Hunt the Best of Exonumia award for his exhibit "Lewis and Clark Expedition".

Garrett Burke (right) presents Ken Spindler the Best of Show (CSNA) award for his exhibit "One World, Many Calendars."

Lila Anderson (left) congratulates Banquet Chairman, Joyce Kuntz, on yet another wonderfully planned evening.

Lila Anderson presents Phil Iversen with his CSNA Recruiter's Medals (one each golden bronze, oxidized bronze, and matte silver plate) for his work bringing in new members. A similar set was presented to Greg Burns. Phil and Greg are currently tied with 5 new members apiece.

Garrett Burke presented Joyce Kuntz with the medal designer's off-metal set of CSNA convention medals. Joyce's design, titled "Past and Present", combined the images of an 1805 and a 2005 quarter dollar. It was especially appropriate for Garrett to make the presentation because he was the concept designer for the 2005 California state quarter.

ANA Regional Coordinator (for Southern California) Gary Beedon (center) presents special recognition certificates to Kay Lenker and Phil Iversen for their contributions to numismatics in the state.

This gorgeous silverplate keepsake box was used as one of the awards for the exhibits.

Complete GSCS Exhibit Report

by Ginny Bourke, GSCS Exhibit Chairman

There were 15 exhibits and 11 exhibitors. One exhibitor had 3 exhibits and two exhibitors had 2 exhibits each for a total of 29 cases in five categories. We had no exhibits for categories A, B, E, H or J.

Category C – Ancient & Medieval Coins, Sponsors: Tom And Mo Fitzgerald
First Place—"Denarii Of The Severan Dynasty Of Rome" by Larry Tapper

Category D – Modern Foreign – 1500 To Date, Sponsor: John Lenker Memorial—Kay Edgerton Lenker
First Place—"One World, Many Calendars" by Ken Spindler
Second Place—"The Wildman On Coins" by Kay Lenker
Third Place—"Philippin' Over Some Cool Coins: A Type Set Of Coins Of Louis Philippe Of France" by Michael E. Ontko

Other Exhibits In Category D:
"International Numismatic Society Of San Diego" by Ken Spindler
"Tiny Treasures" by Ken Spindler
"Famous Ships On Coins" by Matt Miller
"A Type Set Of Mexican Silver 4 Reales 1732-1870" by Michael E. Ontko

Category F – Gold (U.S. and Foreign), Sponsors: Jim And Ellen Hunt
First Place—"Gold Dollar Firsts" by Jim Wells

Category G – Medals, Sponsors: Lee And Joyce Kuntz
Second Place—"Order Of The Red Banner Of The USSR" by Larry Tapper

Category I – Miscellaneous, Sponsor: Harold Katzman
First Place—"Lewis And Clark Expedition" by Jim Hunt
Second Place—"Presentation Pence Of George III" by Larry Tapper
Third Place—"The Katanga Cross" by Gary Beedon

Others In Category I
"Samples Of U.S. Patriotic Civil War Tokens" by Roy Iwata
"Up In Smoke: Hickory Brothers Cigar Store Tokens" by Bill Nash

Best Of Exonumia (Category G And I), Sponsor: California Exonumist Society
Winner: "Lewis And Clark Expedition" by Jim Hunt

Best Of Show, Sponsor: Albert L. Baber Award By Larry Baber (CSNA)
Winner: "One World—Many Calendars" by Ken Spindler

People's Choice, Sponsor: Murray Singer Memorial Award
Winner: "Up In Smoke: Hickory Brothers Cigar Store Tokens" by Bill Nash

NASC Election Candidate Biographies

Editor's note: I've listed the biographies for the NASC candidates first in the order of office, and then alphabetically. The ballots will soon be mailed, so be looking for them in your mailbox in the coming days and be prepared to respond promptly to ensure your votes are counted.

Gary Beedon
(Candidate for president)

Gary Beedon was born in Southern California and is a retired Senior Staff Engineer from The Boeing Company (formerly McDonnell Douglas) in Long Beach, CA. Over 28+ years were spent as an engineer in commercial aircraft systems, electronics and in engineering management.

He is active in speaking at local coin clubs on numismatic topics relating to the 1876 Centennial Exposition, A Touch of Egypt, A Touch of Turkey (not the bird!), Gallery Mint Museum, National Coin Collection, Counterfeit Coin Detection, Bust Half Dollars, 1984 Olympics, The Good, The Bad and The Ugly, etc. There are others. Gary was a guest speaker on Jim Hunt's internet radio program, "Coin Talk" covering U.S. Bust Half Dollars on June 21, 2004 (http://wsradio.com).

Some of the honors Gary has received include: Krause Publications' Numismatic Ambassador Award (2002), NASC's Richard P. Goodson Award (2001), ANA's Presidential Award (1999), and several literary awards, both from the ANA and the Numismatic Literary Guild. There are others, etc.

Gary also serves the coin hobby by maintaining special numismatic coin sites on the Internet: NumisCAT's Purrr-fect Page, Nevada Show List (coin shows) and the California Show List (coin shows). All are listed on Gary's main Web site titled Beedon's Better Bookmarks (http://www.home.earthlink.net/~beedon).

Most NASC members have known Beedon for his many years of reliable dedication to the association. Past tasks included the following: The NASC Quarterly Assistant Editor from 1980 - 1981, Editor from 1982 to 1989 (seven years) and Editor again from 1995 to 2001.

As for committees, he chaired or assisted in quite a number of them since 1975. The following is just a sampling of the clubs and organizations in which Gary holds active memberships: ANA (Life Member, Regional Coordinator for Southern California and ANA Exhibit Judge), NASC (Vice President), Bust Half Nut Club, Numismatic Literary Guild, Greater Orange County Coin Club

(past President, Secretary), Long Beach Coin Club (past President), CSNA (Board Member), Central Stated Numismatic Society, California Exonumist Society, and the Society for United States Commemorative Coins (Editor of The Commemorative Trail and association Secretary). Presently, he is the Bourse Chairman for the annual Golden State Coin Show.

It is time for NASC to wake up and smell the coffee! It comes as no surprise that NASC is now a small shadow of its past. This downward trend will continue to the demise of NASC, unless the organization makes some necessary changes. Anyone remember COIN? Gary will work to find ways to increase our membership. Everyone in NASC should look forward and focus on the future and not on the past. When it comes to NASC, we can not afford to continue to do business as usual.

Tony Micciche
(Candidate for vice-president)

My wife, Sandee, and I live in Fontana, California. I was born in upstate New York and came to California in 1956. We have two children, one boy and one girl. Both are grown and married. We have three grandchildren. I work for the Fontana Unified School District. I started collecting coins in 1959. I quit for two years in 1978, but I got back into collecting at my wife's urging in 1980. I am glad I did. I have made many friends and had many great experiences while involved in numismatics. I collect coins from the United States. I have specialized over the years in half cents, large cents, Buffalo nickels, large bust quarters and type coins, including gold. I also have a passion for collecting coin books. Buy the book before you buy the coin! I have well over two hundred numismatic books in my personal library. Yes, I have read all of them. I have served as President, Vice president, Treasurer (currently), Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Director with the Fontana United Numismatists Club. I currently belong to six different coin clubs. I have been on the NASC Board for the last four years. I want to take a more active role in the leadership of our fine organization.

Therefore, I have volunteered to run for the office of vice-president.

Harold Katzman
(Candidate for corresponding secretary)

As your current Corresponding Secretary I have undertake the most important upgrade in our files, we are now computerized. It has take all this time to get the records back to a reasonable level of accuracy.

As a numismatist I have been collecting coins since the early 1960's with two many collecting themes: U.S. coins and space-related material (with special emphasis on space shuttle collectibles). I have been an exhibitor at local and regional shows and am on the speakers list where I enjoy visiting other clubs and sharing my hobby. I am a past president of NASC and hope to continue as corresponding secretary to continue to upgrade the files.

Albertus Hoogeveen
(Candidate for recording secretary)

Born in Lansing, Illinois, where he started collecting stamps and coins over a half century ago. Since moving to California in 1959, he has been active in local coin clubs and the Numismatic Association of Southern California. He has been an NASC officer for many years. He is past president of NASC. He has been treasurer and is currently the recording secretary. He is also on the NASC speakers list. He is a charter member of the Downey Numismatists and is its current secretary/treasurer. He collects United States, Canadian, Mexican and Netherlands type coins. He has been active in scouting as well, and collects boy scout medals and tokens. He is a graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in electrical engineering.

Kay Lenker
(Candidate for treasurer)

Kay Edgerton Lenker, the incumbent treasurer of NASC, has been diligent in handling the monies of the organization. She deposits funds promptly and pays bills on time. She is also club editor for *The California Numismatist* for NASC. As a member of the Golden State Coin Show committee she has been bourse chair for nine years and general chair for seven years. She is Life Member 626 of the American Numismatic Association and a member of the American Numismatic Society.

Kay is a past president of the San Diego Numismatic Society and current secretary. She is also a past president of the San Diego County Inter Club Numismatic Council and has been its editor for 40 years. Kay is listed in the NASC Speakers Program and gives talks as far away as the L.A. area.

Kay has been Treasurer of the Numismatic Literary Guild for 20 years and was treasurer of CSNA for 16 years. She has been Bourse Chair for the San Diego COINARAMA for many years, and exhibits frequently, and has been an ANA accredited judge since 1975. As an ANA judge she answers the call for spring and summer conventions.

Kay's collecting started about 1956 with U.S. coins. Since then her interests have spread to material of interesting foreign rulers and odd & curious monies.

Mark Watson
(Candidate for treasurer)

Mark "Sparky" Watson began collecting coins as a kid, and like many other collectors, his interest in coins waned as he grew older. However, coins reentered his life in 1987 when he inherited his aunt's collection, and has been with him ever since. His specialty is paper money from World War II such as military payment certificates and war bonds. Additionally, he collects Indian Head cents, Commemoratives, and inscribed numismatic literature.

To get the most out of his collections, Mark is active in numerous coin clubs such as the Numismatic Association of Southern California (NASC), where he has been on the board for the last two years. He is a life member of

the American Numismatic Association (ANA), the Society of Paper Money Collectors (SPMC), and the Flying Eagle and Indian Cent Collector's Society (Fly-In Club). He is also a member of the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA), Fractional Currency Collector's Board (FCCB), International Bank Note Society (IBNS), World Internet Numismatic Society (WINS), and is a Military Payment Certificate Fester. Locally, he is a member of the Glendale Coin Club, where he has served as both the President and Vice President, as well as being the current editor of the newsletter. Mark has spoken at various coin clubs in the area and was the speaker for the IBNS meeting at this year's ANA convention.

Nona G. Moore
(Candidate for historian)

When my two sons became involved in numismatics in the late 1950's, it "rubbed off on me."

The next thing I knew I had opened a coin shop in 1962 and operated it until 1987 when I moved out of the area. As a coin dealer I set up at many coin shows starting back in 1964. I have been a member at one time or another of 28 coin clubs, serving as an officer for numerous clubs. I am still involved as much as possible in NASC, CSNA, FUN (Fontana), and SBCCC. I am a past-president of NASC and have served NASC in various capacities. Most recently I have been the chairman of the policy and procedure committee.

As historian I would try to maintain all the past, present and future, considering it a very important part of the hobby.

Ken Arnold
(Candidate for board member)

Introduced to numismatics in late 1950's and early 1960's through cub scouts and his father's collecting, Ken built a fair collection for a YN in those days, and was an early and regular member of the Tustin Coin Club. After having gotten away from the hobby as many teens and young adults do, Ken continued to search change, occasionally purchase items and such, and later introduced his two sons to the hobby. However, Ken didn't get really active in the hobby again until the 1990's when he jumped back in in a big way, heavily collecting both U.S. and world coins and currency. He now has large, if not highly valuable, collections of world currency and coins, and collections of Lincoln Cents, Jefferson Nickels, Mercury (and Roosevelt) dimes, Barber and Washington quarters, Franklin and Kennedy Halves, Morgan, Peace and modern dollars (and partial sets of other U.S. series). He had assembled an excellent collection of classic and modern U.S. Commemoratives, that he very reluctantly had to liquidate along with much of his Flying Eagle and Indian Head cent collection. He is currently debating whether to attack the Buffalo Nickels or Standing Liberty quarters next, in his effort to eventually complete a full U.S. 20th century collection. He also continues to work on his U.S. type set and selective world sub-collections. Ken holds memberships in: NASC where he has been a board member

for several years and served as chairperson of the Member Club's Benefit Gold Drawing for a couple years as well as receiving awards as a Quarterly contributor, the Long Beach Coin Club where he is a long time board member, former vice president and program chairperson and is currently active on the LB Expo exhibits committee, the Santa Ana Coin Club where he served several years as secretary and editor (winning an NASC Award for the Newsletter), the Greater Orange County Coin Club (and previously some of its predecessors) where he has been on the board for several years and currently serves as Treasurer, the American Numismatic Association (ANA), California State Numismatic Association (CSNA), and the Society of U.S. Commemorative Coins (SUSCC). He has also had memberships in the Lincoln Cent Society, Tustin Coin Club, Los Angeles Coin Club and other numismatic organizations. Ken continuously attempts to promote the hobby and numismatic awareness not only among the collecting community but at work, among family, friends and acquaintances and among the public where he frequently spends SBAs, 'golden dollars', Kennedys, 2 dollar bills and even IKEs and other obsolete coinage to increase interest and awareness. He believes in NASC's mission and wishes to help it improve and become an even more efficient and effective organization.

Virginia Bourke
(Candidate for recording secretary)

I have been involved with coin collecting since high school (a really long time ago) and am fairly active in the San Diego area at the San Diego Numismatic Society, Chula Vista Coin Club and Heartland Coin Club in El Cajon where I have served in various capacities. I am a member of ANA, ANS, CSNA, CES, NASC, TAMS and WIN. If I have left any organization out, I apologize. My current interests are famous ships on coins, art medals, U.S. coins, coins of Canada, Mexico, German East Africa, Conder tokens and other series. To make it short, I have a eclectic collection . The most fun, of course, is collecting friends.

Greg Burns
(Candidate for board member)

I am editor of *The California Numismatist* having previously served as both CSNA editor of *Calcoin News* and NASC editor of *The NASC Quarterly*, both award-winning publications serving the California coin collecting scene. I've collected off and on for over forty years, and been an active member of the Glendale Coin Club since 1993, editing their *GlenCoin News* from 1996 until 2001 and winning the NASC President's Trophy for Outstanding Club Publication three consecutive years.

To thrive we must embrace change and accommodate the shifting realities of today's numismatic community. This means pruning away infertile remnants of the past as well as encouraging the adoption of new ways of serving our members. If elected to the board of directors I will be a proponent of combining resources with the CSNA to reduce the dilution of talent available between the

two groups, and forming whatever strategic alliances will best promote numismatic services to the membership.

We recently celebrated our fiftieth anniversary, recognizing many impressive accomplishments from each of the past five decades. If you're concerned about our association's viability in the next fifty years, cast a vote for change; cast a vote for Greg Burns.

Roy Iwata
(Candidate for board member)

Presently, I am a board member of the Numismatic Association of Southern California (NASC), California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) and Long Beach Coin Club. For NASC I am on the Golden State Coin Show Committee, and handle the NASC Gold Benefit Drawing. I am also a member of the American Numismatic Association, Civil War Token Society, Society for US Commemorative Coins, CONECA, Full Step Nickel Club and several coin clubs in southern California.

I am past-president of the Long Beach Coin Club, Santa Ana Coin Club, Anaheim Coin Club and Orange County Coin Club. I am treasurer of the Santa Ana Coin Club and past-treasurer of the Tustin Coin Club and Greater Orange County Coin Club.

I started collecting coins in 1956 and started with Lincoln cents. Later I started collecting Mercury dimes and Washington quarters. After graduating from the University of Hawaii in 1965, I moved to Southern California and started to collect other types of US coins. Sometime in the 1980s, I got interested in tokens, medals and other areas of numismatics. In 2001,1 started to collect ancient Greek silver coins.

Joyce Kuntz
(Candidate for board member)

Joyce Kuntz was an active NASC club representative for 14 years prior to being elected to the NASC board of directors, where she now serves.

Joyce is also currently serving NASC as awards chairperson. She plans and hosts the NASC awards committee meeting in her home. She provides a work-enhancing environment in which all participants work diligently to prepare to present their winners at the awards banquet. Then, as awards chairperson, she presents the awards to the winning recipients.

Joyce initiated the Friday Night Dealer Supper at the Golden State Coin Show (GSCS). This was Joyce's idea to honor the dealers and the GSCS workers. All GSCS participants enthusiastically look forward to this activity.

Joyce serves as banquet chairperson for the GSCS, which is an integral NASC convention activity. She sets the pace for an entertaining evening filled with good food, awards, live entertainment and gifts for all attendees.

Joyce has won many numismatic awards, including NASC's Goodson Award, Krause's Numismatic Ambassador Award, CSNA's Medal of Merit, two ANA Presidential Awards, and others. She is a dependable and energetic worker

for NASC. She has promoted NASC and serves all facets asked of her.

Joyce is a member of many numismatic organizations including CSNA, ANA, WIN, Covina CC, Upland CC, San Bernardino Co. CC, San Diego Numismatic Society and Early American Coppers.

She is a faithful and hard worker: if you need a job done "Ask Joyce." Re-elect her to the NASC board of directors so she can continue her active support of our leading organization.

George Moore III
(Candidate for board member)

I began collecting coins at the age of eight and was very active in coin collecting until I attended Loyola University. Even then I did find the time to attend coin shows and club meetings.

During my high school and college years I worked part-time for NASC past-president, Gordon Greene, who provided awards for numismatic organizations. Several years after graduating from Loyola I purchased Gordon's award business and still have it today serving the numismatic community and beyond.

As a collector my primary interest is in U.S. coins, with a special interest in the Buffalo nickel. I have assisted my mother for years in her travels as a dealer to the various coin shows. I have also attend many numismatic functions and for many years was the NASC property chairman. I believe I can provide the NASC board of directors advice and assistance as we move forward in the 21st century.

Pauline Pelletier
(Candidate for board member)

I was born in Fall River, Massachusetts and moved to California in 1957. Among my hobbies are: cooking, reading, crocheting and taking orders from my beloved cats. I have been a member of the Upland Coin Club for over 15 years and have assisted at their club meetings. I have been their Representative to the NASC for almost 15 years.

Much of my volunteer work at coin shows has been with the exhibits. I have been assistant exhibit chairman at the Covina Coin-O-Rama for over ten years. The Golden State Coin Show is co-sponsored by the NASC and the CSNA and for that I have been assistant exhibit chairman for nine years.

I served as assistant Exhibit Chairman for the ANA Anniversary Convention in Anaheim in 1995 and this past July, I repeated the same assignment for the 2005 Anniversary Convention held in San Francisco.

I want to represent the NASC coin clubs and their members. The NASC needs to hear the voice of the club members, particularly the ladies that make up an important segment of the hobby!

Mary Buzzetti Yahalom
(Candidate for board member)

Mary Buzzetti Yahalom met Jerry Yahalom in December, 1984, and her introduction to all things numismatic began shortly after that. Jerry is an avid

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collector of all kinds of things, especially coins, banknotes & commemorabilia. He brought Mary into that world of his and turned her into a collector also. She jumped in with both feet from the very beginning. Since 1985 she has been an officer of just about every club to which she has belonged—Glendale Coin Club, Israel Numismatic Society/ Israel Coin Club of Los Angeles, West Valley Coin Club, and Council of International Numismatics. Mary is not shy about volunteering for anything that needs to be done for a club.

She & Jerry were honored as Outstanding District Delegates by the ANA in 1995 at the convention in Anaheim, CA. They were then honored by their peers as Numismatic Ambassadors in 1997, which has been the highlight of their numismatic history. ANA President, Anthony Swiatek, honored them with a Presidential Award in September of 1998.

Mary promises to be an advocate for NASC if elected to the board, and to listen carefully to what the club delegates and individual club members say they want for the future of the NASC. This is a time of change for all organizations due to the internet, and as NASC moves into the future we need to make others aware of what the NASC and its member clubs have to offer.

Seen on the Alcatraz tour during the SF ANA convention...

Don and Terry Foster on the prison tour. Though they found themselves in a cell, they had the secret decoder book and quickly found their way out again...

Phil Iversen on the other hand, took over an hour to escape the cell he wandered into, even with the door open!

Going's On

by Greg Burns

If you thought the previous quarter had been busy, "you ain't seen nuttin." This most recent quarter was even busier. Lots of discussion, back and forth, about what to do with the literary awards. I'm grateful to say that the leadership of both associations, lead by Don Foster and Lila Anderson, were able to amicably cooperate in resolving the minor difficulty we had stumbled upon.

To give you a sense of the timing, it was only at the Golden State Coin Show in August, first at the CSNA board meeting on Saturday, followed by the NASC board meeting on Sunday, that an eleventh hour agreement passed.

I'm very pleased to report that the recommendations of the bi-partisan committee described in this column in the last issue, were approved, and the necessary changes to the policies and procedures are pending. The only matter to be resolved at this point is what the form of the awards will be in the future. For this iteration we've used award certificates (see the table of contents for the winners and a copy of one of the certificates). Our next iteration in August of 2006 (for the 2005 publication year) will still need to have this one item decided, but the committee had determined that a medal would be most appropriate, and the one for the best article would be mounted on a plaque. I hope that last issue goes down easier than this last one (grin).

As far as other association business, the NASC board meeting was held on Sunday, August 28. After the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for the passing of Thelma Katzman and others no longer with us, we plunged right into the usual retinue of business.

Harold Katzman handed out his corresponding secretary's report as reflected elsewhere in this issue. The fifty cent summary is that membership is down, the number of regular members dropping below 100 for the first time since I don't know when. We'll need to examine ways of promoting membership benefits and ensuring retention in the future. Got any ideas? Pass 'em along...

Kay Lenker's treasurer's report shows the NASC net worth at $42,557.19, more than enough for a down payment on that Jaguar I've always wanted. Now that I'm older I do believe I've become partial to the XJ model, and I see from www.jaguar.com that they start around $62,000 (of course, the Super V8 model starts around $92,000, but I'm not such an elitist—I'll be quite satisfied with the XJ, thank you.) Expenses this last quarter included $392.50 for "case storage" (our exhibit cases, I guess it's an annual fee), and $1,635.96 for NASC's share of the last TCN (each issue runs about $3,000 - $3,200).

Albertus Hoogeveen provided copies of the previous board meeting minutes, which were approved after some minor corrections. I can never figure

out how the corresponding secretaries keep such good notes (Albertus for NASC and Ginny Bourke for CSNA). I find it so hard to get down on paper all the dialog, interactions, and decisions that are reached. These folks must be speed writers; either that or they just have excellent memories.

There was no report from new Historian Nona Moore, having only been appointed to this position very recently due to Thelma's unfortunate accident.

One of the big items at this meeting (aside from the literary awards yak) was the report of the nominating committee, chaired by Tom Fitzgerald. Tom reported that Gary, Tony, Harold, Albertus, Kay, and Nona had all agreed to run for the elected positions as recounted elsewhere in this issue, and that Ken, Ginny, George, Roy, Pauline, and Mary had agreed to run for the board. Nominations were then taken from the floor and two were made. Mark was nominated for treasurer, while Joyce and I were nominated for the board. All of the bios received to date are printed in this issue to help you decide your votes. Make them count.

Next followed the committee reports. Gary Beedon started off as ANA representative by saying that San Francisco was expensive for those folks who attended the recent convention there. All in all it was good to have a convention here in California finally. Gary passed along that the next California convention would be the 2007 spring show in Sacramento. Yay! Another chance to attend a most excellent convention.

Joyce Kuntz announced the date for the meeting of the awards committee (see the form for nominations elsewhere in this issue).

Gary Beedon reported that the next awards recognition event for NASC would be held at Coco's (the place we used to go to) on February 12, 2006. I'll be placing more info on this in the next issue, but circle the date on your calendar now to be sure you reserve that day.

I reported that TCN has a new mailing address (P.O. Box 1181, Claremont, CA 91711-1181). Please don't use the old Glendora POB address, because items sent there will likely not make it to me. The new address is also printed on the inside front cover of this issue so you can look it up if necessary.

Lee Kuntz, NASC representative to CSNA, reported that both groups were "in sync" as far as the literary awards go. Yay, again!

Nona Moore found herself in a bit of a pickle as she is both the election committee chairperson as well as a candidate for office (historian), a conflict that disqualifies her services on the committee. After much discussion a work-around was found that satisfied the requirements and still meant that the work would get done.

Roy Iwata reported that the gold benefit drawing would likely come up a little short, but this isn't unusual nor a hindrance to running this club benefit. The association has always backed this funding opportunity for the clubs and everyone expressed satisfaction with the program accomplishing its goals.

As grievance chair, Tom Fitzgerald reported that one grievance had been filed and resolved. He seemed relieved.

Kay Lenker, speaking as general chairman of the GSCS, stated that the show was proceeding along quite nicely and according to plan. Smooth.

Medals Chairman Harold Katzman reported that only old medals were available (none have been struck since the 2002 Viking "exploring new worlds" medal), but that none have sold recently.

Final NASC items were the opening of the YN chair position due to Thelma's untimely passing. If anyone has aspirations for this position I'm sure Don Foster would love to hear from them. Don was also still hoping to get more information on NASC property that may be dispersed at members' homes. He doesn't really want it BACK (stated emphatically), he just wants to know what it is and where it is.

That pretty much wrapped up the NASC board meeting. Of course, mid-meeting there had been the big discussion about the literary awards, but I already told you that this matter had been resolved. And I'm still editor (happily).

The CSNA board meeting had concluded the previous day with the following items.

Ginny Bourke's previous meeting minutes were approved as written (again, I'm amazed at how much detail gets recorded in these things—perhaps we should post them on the web; what do you think?)

Treasurer Roy Iwata handed out a detailed report showing sufficient funds for my Jaguar, err, I mean for running the association. CSNA boasts a net worth of some $72,750.78, with most of it in various CDs. Most of the listed expenses were for the March educational symposium ($1,638.07), TCN ($3,182.74), advance funds for the upcoming Vallejo educational symposium ($600), medal expenses ($1,878.42), storage fees ($682), and a smattering of other items. It takes a lotta bucks to keep the ball rolling.

Corresponding Secretary Dennis Halladay was absent but sent his report in (you can read the essentials elsewhere in this issue).

Kay Lenker reported that the GSCS was progressing smoothly (and it was.)

GSCS Banquet Chairman Joyce Kuntz said that our next banquet would possibly be back at Coco's in Arcadia, a venue we haven't used for a couple of years now. I always thought their buffet was a pretty good deal.

Joel Anderson reported that the 118th convention would be in San Jose, January 13-15, 2006. The Crowne-Plaza will again be the host hotel (make your reservations early to get the good rate), and that he was still looking for a banquet facility. Guess the "sushi" style salmon that Original Joe's served up at the last banquet didn't earn them any brownie points.

Stan Turrini passed around flyers on the Northern Educational Symposium (advertised elsewhere in this issue) being held, for the first time, in the Vallejo Navel Museum. Gotta remember to go make my reservations for this.

Mike Stanley has been appointed as the new ANA representative, and gave an update on the results from the recent show in San Francisco: approximately 11,000 registered visitors and over 90 speakers on various topics in the Numismatic Theatre.

Joyce Kuntz handed out an update

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on the status of orders and stock of the various CSNA medallions. Mintage of the recent "Past and Present" medals ran to 106 silver, 167 golden bronze, 155 oxidized bronze, 60 aluminum (only given out at the banquet), and a further 12 of off-metals for a grand total of 500 of all alloys. The association still has 142 ounces of silver remaining, which was judged to be enough for the time being.

I spoke briefly (but passionately) about the literary awards, and since so many of the CSNA folks are also NASC folks, we really almost achieved a consensus a day early, but we waited for the formal NASC meeting the next day to nail everything down. Thank goodness! (Oh, and I do believe I'll take an aside to thank John Hoffman for speaking up as well as Freddie Grant, who's so insistent—fortunately; there were LOTS of others who helped along, too, but these two I remember especially.)

Membership Chairman Phil Iversen reported that he had sent out over 60 applications recently and planned about another 90 to go out soon. I hope so; the ANA roles for California have thousands more than are members of either CSNA or NASC, and we should be targeting all of them.

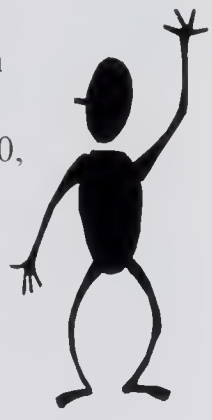
Lila Anderson reported that she would be making presentations of the special recruiter's medals at the banquet that evening (both Phil and I got a full set), and that we would do this again at the next banquet in San Jose in January.

Stan Turrini reported that as YN Coordinator he had been attending many shows and sharing the joys of the hobby with all the young folks he met there.

Phil Iversen passed along a financial donation from the Society of International Numismatists, which is closing down. Thank you, SIN! This money will be used for YN and member recruitment/retention activities.

It was also announced that this would be the last year for the Baber Best of Show exhibit award. CSNA will determine a new Best of Show award shortly.

The next CSNA board meeting will be at the San Jose show, and NASC's next will be on October 30, 10AM, at 50 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia. I hope to see you at each of them...



We Get Letters...

Trowbridge Injured

Greg,

Here is a bit of news: Richard Trowbridge fell and broke his hip recently. Is home recovering and hopefully will be back on his feet soon. Many will remember him from the ABNA, COIN, and SIN days, each in which he was very active. His is also an NASC member.

Dick is still an expert in the British world of numismatics, specializing in all those countries. He can be reached at P.O. Box 52, Apple Valley, CA 95315, and he no doubt has an e-mail address as well.

—Nona Moore

Thanks for the info, Nona. I remember Richard from his days having a coin shop in the Santa Clarita Valley (oh my, that's quite a few years ago!) Perhaps other members can drop Richard a line, and I'm sure we all hope for an early recovery.

Greg

Ruth Mitchell Passing

Dear Greg,

This note is to inform you that my mother, Ruth Mitchell, died Mar 8 in Fullerton, CA at age 94. She had been to countless numismatic events with my father, Ralph Mitchell, in both Northern and Southern California. She was also widely known by convention attendees and club members for the numerous displays and hospitality events she and my father hosted on behalf of the Franklin Mint. She really enjoyed the numismatic people she knew, many of whom predeceased her.

The main point of writing this note is to say a very large thank you to CSNA and NASC for being so very thoughtful and kind to my mother after my dad's death in 1991. I would especially like to thank Dr. Tom Fitzgerald for his many thoughtful acts and invitations extended to my mother to the annual symposium and other events. She never failed to mention how much she appreciated his thoughtfulness.

Although united by coins, I believe the numismatists themselves form the core of many collecting memories. Al Baber, Vern Rich, Bryan Burke, Karl Brainard, Herb Bergen, Ken Lee, Virginia Culver, and many, many others made the hobby meaningful to both my parents. I am sure your organizations will continue to enrich the lives of their members for many years to come.

Sincerely,

—Henry Mitchell

Our condolences, Henry, on your mother's passing. I agree with your eloquent words about numismatists being the core of many collecting memories, and it sounds like your parents found a rich set of experiences in our hobby.

Regards,

Greg

Past Presidents?

Hi Greg,

I think "The California Numismatist" is an outstanding publication due to your dedication and hard work. When Gary retired I did not think anyone could improve the publication. I was wrong and *The California Numismatist* proves this.

I do miss one section of the [NASC] *Quarterly* that was printed on occasion. This is a list of Past Presidents. It helps us old folks keep in touch when we are unable to attend the Conventions.

Regards,

—Richard Lebold
Past NASC President

Hi Richard,

There's been some chaos with the publication over the past few months, but that's all straightened out now and thank you for the kind words.

The list of past presidents was last printed in the anniversary book, Fifty Years of the Numismatic Association of Southern California, 1954-2004, *put out a year ago and authored by Tom Fitzgerald. I'm hesitant to run it because it's rather lengthy (especially if you start to add first VPs, second VPs, treasurers, secretaries, historians, board members, editors, you get the idea) and only changes to add the latest presidents. Plus, it only represents one of the two organizations and sometimes space in these pages gets kind of tight. But if a year or so goes by and I haven't run it remind me again and perhaps we can devote a page to it.*

In closing, I wish you good health and prosperity, Richard. Hope you continue to enjoy reading about the numismatic scene in California...

Greg

Consolidation Issues

Greg,

First, let me say how much I enjoyed Jim Wells' two-part article on Christian IX and his royal descendants. I'm collecting mostly 19th and 20th Century world coins these days, so it really fit the bill. Coins are nice enough in themselves, but it certainly adds to the fun to know something of the figures portrayed.

On a more serious matter, let me add my thoughts to the thorny issue of consolidating CSNA and NASC that you addressed in your Summer editorial. As someone who has long been a member of CSNA but never of NASC, I realize that my opinions may be seen as biased, but I believe that I'm far enough removed now from California that I can be objective about it.

Both clubs have long and distinguished histories that are rich in accomplishment, but most of this history was achieved during an era of widespread participation in organized numismatics. The reality of the past 25 years is that this aspect of the hobby has been in a steady and, probably, irreversible decline. The very notion of joining an organization that expects something of one's leisure time is mostly a thing of the past, as may be seen in declining membership for various lodges and service organizations, too. If California numismatics is to survive in the coming years it will have to achieve a fixed amount of work with fewer bodies and a lessened likelihood of replacements. There will always be a hard core membership that remains loyal to these clubs, but I don't see many persons of my generation and later ones expressing an interest in organized numismatics. Our current lineup of officers and board members have,

for the most part, been in the hobby for decades, and replacements will be difficult to find. In fact, scanning through the listings I see only names of people I've known for my entire 25 years of membership in CSNA.

I agree that sharing the awards by dividing them up evenly by categories is the only sensible means of acknowledging both clubs. As for the best article and best-in-show exhibit awards these should be presented in the name of The California Numismatist, as neither organization is willing to surrender this top honor to the other, but there is clearly not enough competition to justify any duplication. In fact, there simply aren't enough exhibits to justify so many categories, and we may see a time in the not too distant future when exhibit awards are given out as first, second and third for overall competition without respect to categories. This is a tough pill to swallow for anyone who remembers the glory days of the 1950s, 60s and 70s, when competition was keen and participation widespread, but those days are simply gone.

As small coin clubs fold and larger ones decline, there will be many tough decisions to make. I foresee a time when there will simply be no justification for two organizations serving California in a regional manner. There just aren't enough people interested in the social and fraternal aspects of the hobby along traditional lines. Collectors today communicate via the Internet, and those who wish to meet in person typically belong to specialized organizations such as Early American Coppers or the Liberty Seated Collectors Club. Since no one can afford to collect as broadly as was done in earlier generations, there is a commensurate decline in broad socializing at the regional level. Even California, with its large population, can't seem to attract more than a few hundred people to join its statewide and regional organizations. This is not the result of any deficiency on the part of the clubs or its officers; it is simply a reality of the times.

I'm not advocating complete consolidation of the two organizations just yet, but it is clear that some of their functions are redundant and wasteful. Before leaving California some years ago I brought up these same issues with respect to the Northern California Numismatic Association. This is another club that thrived during an earlier generation but had nearly vanished at one point amid declining membership and participation. While it still soldiers on today, I'm not convinced that it serves any purpose other than providing titles to the same handful of individuals. I respect these people as friends, but I see them tilting at windmills.

CSNA and NASC have not yet come to that point, and I hope that they never will, but some people need a reality check if they insist on acting like this is still the 1960s. Hard choices have to be made, and eliminating any duplication of effort is the best place to start. Egos have to be put aside for the long term health of organized numismatics in California.

Greg, whatever decision you make regarding the NASC journal, I certainly hope you will not be compelled to resign your editorship of The California Numismatist. Our publication is looking better these days than it has in many years.

—Dave Lange

Hi Dave,

I'm glad you enjoyed Jim Wells'

article. He does a great job of bringing the background shadows of the lives of the people on our coins to light, and his Christian IX article really knit a clear tapestry of Christian's influence. I hope Jim continues to submit items for publication to TCN. I do know that he and Jim Hunt received a joint award during the recent San Francisco ANA show for an article in Numismatist, *so I pray he doesn't forget his local roots. Jim also does an equally impressive job with exhibits; we're lucky to have him in our crowd.*

Thank you so much, also, for your articulate words of support and sharing your thoughts on the CSNA/NASC dilemma. I plan on running for the NASC board of directors in the upcoming election. Perhaps I can help influence some positive changes from the inside. I'll run on a platform of statewide cooperation and hope it strikes a resonant tone with the membership. If I get elected at least I'll know that the support I received was clearly associated with my single-topic stance. In the meantime, rest assured that I will continue publishing TCN...I'm a dyed-in-the-wool optimist. Wish me luck.

Best regards,

Greg

From Harold Katzman...

Dear Friends of Mom,

I just wanted to take this opportunity to share with you a recap of Mom's service for those who were in attendance and for those who could not make it.

Rabbi Brooks did a great job talking about mom. He truly hit the nail on the head, especially with the poem. I know some of you wanted a copy of the poem he read, as soon as I get a copy I will share it with anyone who would like a copy.

The Funeral Director informed me that the standing room only attendance was around 600, which was the largest service he has been involved with in his 10+ years. I can't tell you how much that means to our family.

Per mom's wishes she will be cremated. As for the dispersal of her ashes, once we plan something I will let you all know.

Once again, on behalf of my dad, my sister and myself I extend our most sincere thanks for all your support care and thoughts during this most difficult.

As Red Skelton would say, "thank you and may God bless..."

—Harold Katzman

E-mail Forwarded by Ruth Phillips

Hi,

Finally a name that pops up an e-mail address I can write to. I am sure you are probably not the one to contact about this, but thought you could forward it on to who might be interested.

I work in a thrift shop in Sidney, Ohio, and last week in the bottom of one of the boxes was a coin purse with NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA on the front and on the back is 16TH ANNUAL CONVENTION FEB 20TH, 1971.

Brought it home because I did not know what *numismatic* meant and found your web site, but could not find anyone to write to find out if you would like to have the coin purse. Write back with an address I could send it to.

—Anne Morrow

gtoman@bright.net

PS: If you do write back, please put COIN PURSE in the subject line so I know who it is from. Thanks.

Youth Corner

by Stan Turrini
CSNA Youth Numismatist Coordinator

Greetings!

This past July 19 through 23, I had the pleasure, along with Lee H. Gong and Michael M. Stanley, of attending and assisting our "Northern Neighbor", the Canadian Numismatic Association (CNA) Annual Convention, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

We had a ball! And, our "California Gang" was enthusiastically received and recognized with our youth numismatics. Ron Darbyshire and Paul R. Johnson, both of the CNA, were most gratified that the California gang traveled and titillated the Convention's youth activities.

As your CSNA youth numismatist coordinator, I gave some assistance; but, being the CNA's Western United States director, my time was assigned at the CNA Table, where "Bro Stan" recruited several new CNA members, using his unique selling techniques!

Both Lee H. Gong and Michael M. Stanley "worked their buns" at the youth table, located prominently next to the convention's registration table located just before the bourse room. There they distributed free hobby information, answered questions, and invited the visiting youngsters to the CNA convention's first-ever youth auction scheduled for Saturday, July 23. The convention, under the leadership of Ron Darbyshire, who coordinates CNA's Coins For Kids project, reserved a separate room for this first auction.

Now, here is where Michael M. Stanley and Lee H. Gong really enjoyed themselves and had laughs and fun with the attending youngsters. About thirty-five kids registered and were given $50 in phony play money—naturally copied Canadian currency notes—to bid with. Parents were posted to the rear. For over an hour, rotating between "Steamer"—Mr. Stanley—and Ron Darbyshire as the auctioneers, adding insights and instructions, along with Mr. Gong, who did the recording, the California gang shared and spread the happiness that comes with enlightening the hobby of tomorrow.

Attending also and contributing with the youth table and representing the American Numismatic Association (ANA) was the equally established youth booster, Dr. Walter A. Ostromecki, Jr., of Encino, California. He devoted himself to three full days at the youth table and could be often seen conversing with youngsters and their parents.

Needless to say, this opportunity

certainly enhanced our CSNA and spread its name across borders. In fact, our reception was so well regarded that the CNA's July 2006 convention, in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada has already scheduled our return!

What could be added from our venture north of the border?

First, along with enhancing the CSNA's image, we had the golden opportunity to share and to exchange insights and ideas about youth numismatics. Ron Darbyshire and I drove to Lake Louise, Alberta—the world famous resort in the Canadian Rockies—on Wednesday morning, and during our drive we spoke for hours about the hobby of tomorrow.

Second, any youth activity at a convention or local coin show is guaranteed to bring in the cash-carrying adults and parents. The attendance at this first-ever CNA youth auction might have been better but all parents present were glad to be there.

Third, youth activities are also excellent for publicity and promotion. The *Canadian Numismatic Journal*, the CNA's monthly publication, covered the YN table and auction, and I intend to submit something to both the *Numismatist* and our national coin publications. The convention committee had informed the local media, and parents reported hearing and reading of the intended activities.

Fourth, this venture confirms that our hobby is universal and knows no borders.

Fifth, for those here in California with our own goals, one lesson learned is that youth activities are a positive. Yes, these require organization and work, and yes, bourse fees pay the bills. But, across the board, from the governing CNA's executive committee to the convention committee, all felt that the effort and energy expended were well-worth the results.

One can access the CNA Web site and download color snapshots of Lee H. Gong, Michael M. Stanley, Dr. Walter A. Ostromecki, Jr., and myself and our aforementioned youth activities.

Until the next issue, remember have fun with your hobby!

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Club Reports...

WHITTIER COIN CLUB In June members participated in a self-entertaining program titled *Other Collections Night*. In July **Mike Ontko** delivered his program *Brazilian Coinage*. Mike has done extended research on countries in South America. Program for August was informal with members asked to bring show and tell items. There have been some problems with the time available for the meeting. Members were to decide whether to change the start time or find another meeting place, because members like to meet at 7PM to 9PM. There will be an anniversary dinner in September.

VISALIA COIN CLUB has a new editor and secretary, **Sandra Arie**, as its youthful **Cameron Keifer** has relocated to Denver, Colorado, to work for IGC.

VERDUGO HILLS COIN CLUB Charles Beatty gave a program on *The Fractional Currency Shield* in June. The *Brown Bag Auction* in May brought out lively bidding as members competed to win the gold coins. Top winners received either a five peso or a 2 1/2 peso. **Dr. Sol Taylor** presented his hot topic *How to Profit From Lincoln Cent Varieties* in July. Our annual VHCC Dinner was held July 22nd at La Cabanita Mexican Restaurant in Glendale. August meeting featured members who have fascinating hobbies and collections.

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VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY held its *Other Hobbies Night* at its April meeting with only four participants, the least since 1985. Eleven VNS members have completed a ten week "SQS"—State Quarter Search—in conjunction with its sister coin club, the Ocean County (New Jersey) Coin Club, including Junior Member **Westin Smith**. Preliminary reports show that **Bob Belleau** located a few 1964 dated silver quarters still in circulation, and several could not find certain states or P strikes. Note, the VNS has been forced to relocate its monthly (first Wednesday) evening meetings, with 7:00 PM start, and 5:00 PM arrival to eat, to Straw Hat Pizza, 3780 Sonoma Blvd., between Sereno and Redwood, near Longs, still in Vallejo. Contact may be to the VNS via its President Harry W. Davis at 707-642-0216.

UPLAND COIN CLUB In May **Kay Lenker** gave a slide presentation on *The Silver Dollar Story* with photos of dollars from her collection. She also had some of the dollars on hand for viewing. In June **Phil Iversen** spoke on *Lewis and Clark*. He spoke on their expeditions westward toward the Pacific ocean. **Harold Katzman** spoke on his recent trip to Panama to view the Hybrid Eclipse of the sun on April 8th. This was a slide and video presentation very well done.

TUSTIN COIN CLUB had a *Show and Tell* program in June with members invited to bring in numismatic items and tell something about them. No meetings were held in July and August.

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB New editor, **Bob Tedder**, has been active in revamping and redoing the club's monthly *Silver Notes*, and he is quite detailed. Of course, he doubles as the editor for the Fairfield Coin Club's monthly *Fairfield Moneygram*.

SANTA ANA COIN CLUB had a video tape in June and one in July on the *California Gold Rush*.

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB This past April 23 the SJCC held its Annual Awards Banquet, chaired by **Sally Johnson**, and the highlight was the induction of Sally

Johnson into the SJCC esteemed Hall of Fame. The touching ceremony included her grandson, **Ryan**, reading Sally's citation as she has inducted as the 21st honoree. The entire evening was dedicated to recognitions of many of who have contributed to the SJCC in the previous year, and outgoing President **John Sarti** presented many awards and honors, including the club's newest, Frank Corral Memorial Drawing Ticket Seller, named for the late Frank Corral (1920-2004), who held for decades the title of "most Show drawing tickets sold." In another emotional ceremony, Frank's widow, **Dolores**, was present to receive this year's award that Frank himself had won. The lengthy evening ended with Bingo called by Ryan Johnson and **Larry Benson**, with Ryan wanting to call games to be "champagne glass" for the Bingo!

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB heard **John Russell** twice, February 25 and March 25, with his *Round-Robin Coin Grading*: one month he facilitated the minors: cents, five cents, and dimes; and the next month he covered the majors: quarter dollars, half dollars, and dollars. The club's delayed San Francisco Mint Sesquicentennial Medal was at last delivered and distributed, with a final mintage of one hundred ten (110) sets, silver and bronze. SFCC Florida-based member **John T. Wilber** is looking to exchange state quarters, and he may be contacted via jtemp9767@earthlink.net.

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Kay Lenker spoke on *Women on Coins and Medals* in May using medals from the Franklin Mint series Societe de Femmes Celebres. She started with "Eve, the mother of us all." Many of the women were also pictured on coins of the countries they ruled such at Catherine the Great of Russia, Maria Theresa of Austria, and Victoria of England. She ended her talk with another Catharine the Great showing a coin medal that her husband had designed for their 10th wedding anniversary. It was struck on a gold 100 korona piece. June was a picnic in the park with some of **Ken Spindler's** famous chili. We then went into the meeting room to share *Other Hobbies* and birthday cake. July was *My Favorite or First Coin*. August meeting heard reports and saw materials that had been acquired in San Francisco at the ANA'S World's Fair of Money.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB has decided to have only one coin show, and the next one will be held on October 7 and 8, at the Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., at Howell Avenue, Sacramento. For additional information, contact SVCC at www.sacvalcc.org.

RENO COIN CLUB reports that a long-standing record was broken recently. **Rusty King**, listed as the club's membership guru, which means also editor of its monthly *Reno Cartwheel* noted that "one of the things I accomplished in the Reno Coin Club was selling 687 show drawing (raffle) tickets for the club's 1986 coin show. **AJ Jacobs**, last week, [April 2005] shattered that record by surpassing the 700 show ticket mark. Way To Go, AJ!" It was continued that

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now that AJ has set a new record, he and his wife are relocating to Florida, since he has taken a position with NGC there.

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB The club's February meeting theme was *Reference Books*, and specific titles and books recommended were: **Ken Jordon**, *Standard Catalog of World Coins*; **Dan Murphy**, *Gray Sheet*, *Red Book*, and *Numismatic News*; **Larry Mochizuki**, Coin Values in *Coin World*; **Barry Pevey**, David Lange's monumental references on Indian Head/Buffalo Nickels; **Merle Avila**, token books; **Curtis Smith**, *Numismatic News* and *Official ANA Grading Standards*.

PENINSULA COIN CLUB had one recent speaker, and it was your assistant editor, **Michael S. Turrini**, who spoke and facilitated *Stories From The Hobby* at the club's April meeting. One of the participants in the open exchange, taped by **Fred G. van den Haak**, was the club's newest member, a junior member too, **Siri Stone**, who learned about the club from its Internet site maintained by PC-Cer **Clint Cummins**.

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY As usual, PCNS, which this year is 90 years old, had a succession of fine speakers at its monthly meetings: January—**Elliot Wehner**, *Post-MPC Military Currencies*; February—**Herb Miles**, *Anstralia's Hay Camp POW Internment Tokens*; March—**Rick Webster**, *Coinage of British Java*; and April—Herb Miles, again, *Coin Dealers and Their Tokens*. **Gordon R. Donnell** (who never wins) won an encased cent from St. Louis, Missouri, which is his hometown. The emphasis is on "who never wins."

NORTHROP GRUMMAN COIN CLUB Phil Iversen spoke on *The California Commemorative Quarter* in May. June was *Numismatic Buying and Selling on eBay*. Phil Iversen discussed the buying part and **Larry Bush** talked about the selling part. In July we viewed the video *Commemorative Halves Before 1936*. Then in August we saw *Part II, Commemorative Halves After 1936* narrated by Brad Karloleff. In September **Barry Stuppler**, newly-installed ANA vice president, will speak on *ANA Happenings and Plans for the Future*.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION Big News: NCNA Nor-Cal VI Coin Show is set for Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4, again at BPOE Elks Lodge #2121, 38911 Farwell Drive, off Mowry, in Fremont. NCNA President **Harry W. Davis** welcomes all to attend and to enjoy this weekend show, which plans to feature an educational forum on Saturday, December 3. The bourse coordinator is **Vincent O. Lacariere**, and he may be contacted via 510-792-1511.

LONG BEACH COIN CLUB held a *White Elephant Night* in June. At the May meeting **Jerry Kleeb** presented a program entitled *Turkish Pictorial Coin Copies, 1150-1350 AD*. In July President **Howard Feltham** discussed the contributions that B. Max Mehl made to numismatics as one of the early pioneers.

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB Sometimes you have to read every line and sentence, as well as in-between, to learn exactly what is happening, to wit: from the LVCC's March newsletter: "The 'On-Time Winner' was **Hugh Wilson**, Coin-of-the-Month was **Don Barsi**, for 16 coins, and I hope that he reports his winnings", referring to Mr. Barsi's professional career with the IRS. Continuing, the program at the February meeting was *Dog-of-Dogs*, and this "was a contest for ugliest coin and 'like father, like son', that was won by **Tom Wallace**." But, with what coin?

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Reelected its 2004 officers into 2005, and they are: **David C. Evans**, president; **Mark Wm. Clark**, vice president; **Gene C. Hoy**, secretary; and **Robert Piper**, treasurer. **Edgar D. Fulwider** installed these last January 4.The LNS reminds it now meets on the third Wednesday in the Millbrae City Library, 1 Library Avenue, Millbrae. "All roads lead to Rome" could have been the theme for the society's March meeting, when **Ben Damsky** spoke on ancient Roman coinage featuring architecture: "with a projector, we were shown famous landmarks in Rome and the corresponding Roman coin which depicted that famous landmark...In same cases, it came down to the fact that the [Roman] emperor designed the building or structure, it would then be portrayed on his coinage. We all enjoyed an excellent program from an obvious expert on Roman culture and coinage. Thank you, Ben!" Great program!

INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO May's program was *Errors, Counterstamps, Salvage Coins, Counterfeits, Fantasies, Etc.* In July we resumed our journey through the alphabet with material from countries with names starting with N, O, P, and Q.

HEMET NUMISMATISTS April's *Super Auction* was held in the patio of **Ron and Mary Morrow's** home. About 35 members and guests bid on the 90 lots auctioned by **Bill Grant**. May was annual picnic time in Gibble Park. The club supplied the hot dogs, rolls, etc Members signed up to bring the other goodies. Bingo was played later. In June we were able to return to Provident Bank as the

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necessary work had been completed. **Angus Bruce** gave a slide presentation on *Operation Crossroads*. This was the code name for the first atomic bomb tests conducted at Bikini Atoll, one of the Marshall Islands in the mid-Pacific ocean. The club had a catered luncheon to celebrate its 31st anniversary in July.

HEARTLAND COIN CLUB Our May 1st show was a success. **Andrew Woodruff** spoke on *Various California Bank Notes* facsimiles and gave suggestions on how to collect them. **Ken Spindler** shared new Papal issues due to the election of a new pope. **Bob Wager** brought in an Eisenhower Centennial dollar issued in 1990 and a 1982 George Washington commemorative. **Ken Stempien** showed some of his bank notes. The meetings now have members speak on various items at *Show and Tell* and there is no formal program. Winners at the San Diego County Fair included **Virginia Bourke** 1st place in Theme and the Council President's award. **Ken Spindler** took a 1st in Non-Theme, Best of Division and Best of Show for his *Tiny Treasures* display.

GREATER ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB May meeting **Jerry Kleeb** gave a talk comparing designs of ancient Roman and Greek coins with later coins of the Islamic countries. **Albertus Hoogeveen** presented a talk on *The Coins of Queen Wilhelmina* (of the Netherlands). July meeting was bourse night where members could rent a table for $5. Several members attended the ANA's World's Fair of Money in San Francisco. **Ken Arnold** became a certified ANA judge. **Mike Ontko** had three exhibits and won first for *A Type Set of Mexico Silver 4 Reales*. **Gary Beedon** was there and judged. **Roy Iwata** spent a great deal of time at the CSNA table telling people about the association.

GLENDALE COIN CLUB New officers were installed in July. They are **Jennifer Watson** as secretary, **Kim Klein** as treasurer, **Heather McCrea** as 2nd vice president, **Vern McCrea** as 1st vice president. President was to be named later as **Denise Ballard** who had been nominated later withdrew.

GATEWAY COIN CLUB At the club's March meeting there was a quiz: "a numismatic, and sometimes non-numismatic, quiz of epic proposals! Afterwards

the answers were reviewed, with questions ranged from such matters as naming the six counties that at least touch Merced County to naming the one adopted design element in the seventeen year Gateway Coin Club medallion series that was completely outside Merced County, namely Yosemite National Park Centennial in 1991. Twenty-five questions and no one claimed one hundred per cent (100%)." What are the six counties? At the next meeting it was *Whatzit Night*, but no follow-up report as to what, who, and where from which "whatzits" were wrought to the wondering minds present.

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY At the FNS' March meeting, President **James Obler** presented his *Annual Coin Grading Workshop*: "After lecturing on grading methods of the Walking Liberty Half Dollar, we apply the new information to test about ten certified Walkers in various grades that had the assigned grades marked-out. The one who had the most correct grades won a 1943-S Walking Liberty Half Dollar. It was a tie between **Merle Davis** and **David Josephine**. Merle took the prize in a coin toss to decide the ultimate winner." Going back to the earlier February meeting, CSNA Past President **Ruth M. Phillips** spoke about *Elongated Coins*. Two great programs!

FREMONT COIN CLUB As this issue is being prepared, your assistant editor's latest *Double Eagle* is the April issue. Your assistant editor traveled to the FCC last April 12 to present what had been announced as his new *Books You Need; Books You Read* program; instead, he switched, due to the lateness in delivering the April *Double Eagle* to *Stories From The Hobby*. Several members just opened up, sharing stories about finding Morgan dollars on Greyhound busses, or digging for a driveway, or purchasing cancelled souvenir cards with rarity in single numbers, or Washington state token finds, or trying to change their age to match their number of years in the hobby, vis-a-vis, **Gary Acquistapace**, who said he has been collecting over 25 years while only being 25! Story for sure!

FONTANA UNITED NUMISMATISTS heard **Randy Briggs** speak on *Emergency Money*, He covered the issue of emergency money used by many countries during hard times. July members shared their *Other Hobbies*. August program was a few games of Bingo with suitable prizes.

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB Historian **Jan D. Henke** reported that **Harry Wilson's** wife has suffered a tragic death; Harry, who served as the club's president in 1980-1981, had not been active in years, and Mr. Henke noted, which is often true in many local coin clubs, that we trend to loss contact with our older members. At the March meeting, **Bill Bartz** had an interesting *Show 'n Tell*: "Kennedy Proof Halves dated 1984, 1992, and 1993, which Bill found in bank paper-wrapped rolls! Also, a 1980 Kennedy Half which has been struck through some foreign objects, like a cloth". Nice finds! At the February meeting, **Dr. Howard C. Lonsdale** displayed his renowned *Many Faces of Queen Victoria*: "many interesting coins were displayed depicting Queen Victoria through the

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years of her reign. Also shown were British Coronation Medals that depicted not only the Royal Person but their wives as well, two for the price of one!"

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY also enjoyed a recent anniversary, its 45th, this past March 19, at Concord's Marie Callenders. Under the enthused leadership of **James H. Laird**, certificates of appreciation were presented to ten of the members for meritorious services performed for the club. Also, President Laird bestowed three first-ever President's Citation of Excellence to **John Russell**, **Michael M. Stanley**, and **Michael S. Turrini**. The highlight of this social gathering was the elevation of Treasurer **Mark Clarkson** as a Fellow of the Society, only the fourth member to be so honored. Congratulations to all!

DELTA COIN CLUB By the time this issue is received, the May *Annual Hot-Dog Night* shall be history, with its famous **Syd Kass**' homemade chili. At the club's March meeting, **Michael S. Turrini** presented his new program, *Books You Need and Books You Read*, which was reported as "well received and all present had an opportunity to participate with their thoughts." Past President **William E. Horning** was honored at the meeting with an honorary life membership. Mr. Turrini did the actual presentation for the club, which brought tears to Bill. Looking ahead, January, 2006 is the Golden Jubilee 50th Anniversary, 1956-2006, for this club. Contacts from and by former or relocated members are encouraged. Write to PO Box 216, Victor, California, 952523-0216.

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB elected its 2005-2006 officers, and they were installed at the club's 35th Anniversary Party last April along with "our favorite Togo's sandwiches as the main course." Serving the club are: **Richard Boston**, president; **Katherine Ray**, vice president; **Jessica Burns**, junior president; **Ray Niblett**, recording secretary; **Gary Acquistapace**, treasurer; and **Al Lo**, historian. The anniversary party was a success; however, according to Al Lo, interim editor of the club's monthly *Coin Press*: "at our annual elections we really had a closely contested Board of Director's race where, for the first time in many years, there were eight candidates for six seats. After the first round of voting, a run-off was needed to decide the outcome. After all the campaigning, speeches,

campaign buttons, mudslinging, and even arm twisting, the final results" were announced and accepted. Getting back to the anniversary party, appreciation was expressed to **Ron Ishizaki**, for Togo's, **Ray Niblett**, for utensils, **Colleen Haggarty** with **Jeff Arnett**, for drinks, and **Richard Boston**, for cake.

COVINA COIN CLUB In May **Matt Miller** gave an interesting program on France titled *Two Centuries Of Turmoil*. June was devoted to *Show and Tell* where members brought in numismatic items and had about five minutes to tell about it. July was *Buy, Sell, and Trade* night. Members were encouraged to bring extra numismatic material to sell or trade.

COINEERS COIN CLUB In June **Wayne Joy** made an interesting presentation on his collection of certified rare coins. The club is disposing of its library by offering a few volumes each month for sale to members. In July we learned about ways in which some "coin doctors" actually repair and alter surfaces not only to improve grade, but to create artificially mirrored fields and artificially frosted devices. August speaker was **Ken Spindler** who takes an international approach to collecting coins. His topic *Why Foreign?* Focusing on coins not minted in the U.S., **Andrew Woodruff** attended the ANA show in San Francisco where he exhibited, judged and was certified in three additional categories.

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB No formal meeting was held in June as members were encouraged to attend the Long Beach Expo and see the rarities on display. As a change in July we had a picnic at **Max's** home. As it was the 4th of July weekend the theme was *Patriotic Americana*. Theme for August was *Military Numismatics* and members were invited to bring in what they had and share with all.

ANCIENT COIN CLUB OF LOS ANGELES heard **Robert Freeman** discuss *Celtic Coins* in June. In May Articles of Incorporation were filed with the secretary of state as a non-profit group. In July, **Mac Jones**, curator of Loyola Marymount University (LMU) Archeological Museum spoke on Roman items. LMU also has a numismatic library. He also gave a presentation on photographing coins. July we had a presentation on *Astronomy In Coins* by **Ken Baumbeckl**. We are purchasing a power point slide projector for use at the meetings. The **Rauchs** donated slides to be available for slide presentations.

ALAMEDA COIN CLUB The "Island coin club" has a new meeting date and site, according to the May issue of *Thick And Thin Times*: first Tuesday at 7:30 PM, in Juanita's Restaurant, 1234 Park Street, on Alameda. **Chuck Call** has agreed to coordinate and to call the club's meeting auctions, and for his April meeting *Show 'n Tell*, Chuck displayed an extra fine 1905 V-nickel "found while cleaning out his late mother's home." Not too bad a *fine*!

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Ancient Coin Club of Los Angeles—meets 2nd Sunday, 1:30 p.m., Balboa Mission Town Hall shopping center (between barber shop & beauty supply), 16916 San Fernando Mission Blvd., Granada Hills; mailing address: c/o K. L. Friedman, 16255 Ventura Blvd., Encino, CA 91436; e-mail: Fausta@pacbell.net; Web site: http://mjconnor.home.mindspring.com/accla/. (NASC)

Bay Cities Coin Club—meets 1st Saturday, 1:00 p.m., Santa Monica Public Library, 17th Street and Montana Ave., Santa Monica; mailing address: P.O. Box 943, Santa Monica, CA 90406. (NASC, CSNA)

California Exonumist Society—meets quarterly at Golden State Coin Show, CSNA Conventions and at an all-day show in June or July; mailing address: Kay Edgerton Lenker, P.O. Box 6909, San Diego, CA 92166. (NASC, CSNA)

California State Numismatic Association—meets twice a year during CSNA conventions at various locations; mailing address: Dennis Halladay, 20567 Nathan Dr., Riverside, CA 92508; e-mail: bilfeb@msn.com; Web site: www.coinmall.com/csna. (NASC, CSNA)

Chula Vista Coin Club—meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Norman Park Senior Center, 270 F Street, Chula Vista; mailing address: 11842 Rocoso Road, Lakeside, CA 92040. (CSNA)

Coineers Coin Club—meets 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., 4675 Tecolote Road, San Diego, CA; mailing address: 829 Portsmouth Court, San Diego, CA 92109. (CSNA)

Covina Coin Club—meets 3rd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., American Legion Post 888, 1436 N. Hollenback Ave.; mailing address: Helen Desens, 282 W. Bygrove St., Covina, CA 91722. (NASC, CSNA)

Culver City Coin Club—meets 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., El Segundo Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., El Segundo (west of Sepulveda; south of LAX); mailing address: Steve Demmer, P.O. Box 813, Culver City, CA 90232. (NASC)

Cupertino Coin Club—meets 2nd Friday, 7:00 p.m., West Valley Presbyterian Church, 6191 Bollinger Avenue, Cupertino, CA; mailing address: P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448; Web site: www.cupertinocoinclub.homestead.com. (CSNA)

Delta Coin Club—meets 2nd and 4th Fridays, 7:00 p.m., St. Paul's Church Auditorium, 2220 West Alpine Street, Stockton; mailing address: P.O. Box 216, Victor, CA 95253. (CSNA)

Diablo Numismatic Society—meets 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Concord Veterans Memorial Building, 2290 Willow Pass Road, Concord; mailing address: P.O. Box 177, Concord, CA 94122-0177. (CSNA)

Downey Numismatists—meets 4th Monday, 7:30 p.m., Downey Retirement Center, 11500 Dolan Ave., Downey; mailing address: Albertus Hoogeveen, P.O. Box 222, Downey, CA 90241. (NASC)

Eureka Coin Club—meets 1st Tuesday (Sept. to May), 7:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Sonora Blvd. and F Streets, Eureka; mailing address: P.O. Box 505, Eureka, CA 95501-0505. (CSNA)

Fairfield Coin Club—meets 4th Wednesday (except December), 7:00 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, Parish Hall #1, corner of First and Kentucky Streets, Fairfield; mailing address: P.O. Box 944, Fairfield, CA 94533-0094. (CSNA)

Fontana United Numismatists—meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 9260 Mango Ave. (& Randall), Fontana; mailing address: P.O. Box 71, Fontana, CA 92334. (NASC, CSNA)

Fremont Coin Club—meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Fremont Elks Club, #2121, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont; mailing address: P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, CA 94538. (CSNA)

Fresno Numismatic Society—meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Las Palmas Masonic Temple, 2992 East Clinton, Fresno; mailing address: P.O. Box 11525, Fresno, CA 93773-1525. (CSNA)

Full Step Nickel Club—Call for local meeting dates and locations; (818) 841-2959; mailing address: Darrell Crane, President, P.O. Box 10909, Burbank, CA 91510; e-mail: grannis@earthlink.net; Web site: www.fullstepnickel.com. (NASC, CSNA)

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Glendale Coin Club—meets 2nd Friday, 7:30 p.m., CitiBank, 2350 Honolulu Blvd., Glendale; mailing address: GCC, c/o Mark Watson, P.O. Box 6317, Lancaster, CA 93539-6317; e-mail: mark.c.watson@sbcglobal.net; Web site: www.GlenCoin.com. (NASC, CSNA)

Greater Orange County Coin Club—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center, Fairview Room, 1845 Park, Costa Mesa; mailing address: Gary Beedon, P.O. Box 2335, Huntington Beach, CA 92647; e-mail: Beedon@earthlink.net. (NASC, CSNA)

Heartland Coin Club—meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Bostonia Park Recreation Building, 1049 Bostonia St., El Cajon; mailing address: Dorothy Baber, 611 Oakwood Way, El Cajon, CA 91945; e-mail: Dotbaber@aol.com. (NASC, CSNA)

Hemet Numismatists—meets 3rd Wednesday, 12:00 Noon, Provident Savings Bank, 1600 Florida Avenue (Northwest Corner Giard and Florida), Hemet; mailing address: P.O. Box 51, Homeland, CA 92548. (NASC, CSNA)

International Coin Collector's Society—meets <unknown>; mailing address: P.O. Box 854, Van Nuys, CA 91408. (CSNA)

International Numismatic Society of San Diego—meets 4th Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., North Park Recreational Center, 4044 Idaho, San Diego; mailing address: P.O. Box 161081, San Diego, CA 92176. (CSNA)

Israel Numismatic Society/Israel Coin Club of Los Angeles—meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Westside Jewish Community Center—Founders Room, 5870 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles; mailing address: 6266 Drexel Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90048. (NASC)

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Northern California Numismatic Association—meets in annual convention each July (Nor-Cal Show), presently in Concord, CA, mailing address: Michael Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, CA 94590. (NASC, CSNA)

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Pacific Coast Numismatic Society—meets 4th Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Fort Mason Center, Building C, San Francisco; mailing address: P.O. Box 457656, San Francisco, CA 94147-5656; Web site: www.pcns.org. (CSNA)

Peninsula Coin Club—meets 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m., Palo Alto Elks Lodge, #1471, Board Room, 4229 El Camino Blvd., Palo Alto; mailing address: P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, CA 94306-0484; Web site: www.stanford.edu/~clint/pcc. (CSNA)

Redwood Empire Coin Club—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial Building (opposite the county fairgrounds across from highway 12), 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa; mailing address: P.O. Box 9013, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. (CSNA)

Sacramento Valley Coin Club—meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 5026 Don Julio Blvd., North Highlands; mailing address: P.O. Box 160122, Sacramento, CA 95816; Web site: www.sacvalcc.org. (NASC, CSNA)

San Bernardino County Coin Club—meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Highland Senior Center, 3102 E. Highland Ave., Highland, CA; mailing address: P.O. Box 2745, San Bernardino, CA 92406. (NASC, CSNA)

San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council—meets 1st Saturday in February, May, August and November, 7:00 p.m., Peninsula Community Center, 3740 Sport Arena Blvd., San Diego; mailing address: 11842 Rocoso Road, Lakeside, CA 92040. (CSNA)

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San Jose Coin Club—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., American Legion Hall, Post #318, 1504 Minnesota Avenue, San Jose; mailing address: P.O. Box 5621, San Jose, CA 95150-5621; Web site: www.sanjosecoinclub.org. (CSNA)

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Solano Silver Round Club—meets 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., J.J. North's Grand Buffet, Banquet Room, 21315 Gateway Blvd., #D2, Solano Hall, Fairfield; mailing address: P.O. Box 3518, Fairfield, CA 94533-3518. (CSNA)

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Ventura County Coin Club—meets 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Church of Christ Church, Ventura; mailing address: P.O. Box 3263, Ventura, CA 93006. (CSNA)

Verdugo Hills Coin Club—meets 2nd Monday, 7:15 p.m., CitiBank, 2350 Honolulu Ave., Montrose; mailing address: P.O. Box 26, Tujunga, CA 91043. (NASC)

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October 15 - 16	**41st Annual Delta Coin Club Show** (Stockton), Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon St., Ruben Smith, (209) 982-5961.
October 22 - 23	**39th Annual Coin Show** (Fresno), Fresno Numismatic Society, Las Palmas Masonic Temple, 2992 E. Clinton Ave., Ruth Philips, (559) 252-3825.
October 29	**CSNA 6th Northern Educational Symposium**, Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 743 Main St., Stan Turrini, emporeri@juno.com.
October 30	**Santa Maria Coin Club Coin & Collectible Show**, Oak Knolls Baptist Church, 4799 S. Bradley Rd., Ed Cohen, (805) 937-1250.
November 4 -5	**Sacramento Coin Show**, Red Lion Sacramento Inn, 1401 Arden Way, John McIntosh, (916) 761-2542, mcintoshcoin@yahoo.com.
November 5	**Coin Show** (Visalia), Sons of Italy Hall, 4211 W. Goshen Ave., Leo J. D'Andrea (559) 738-8128, dandrea@lightspeed.net.
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November 6	**Fall Show** (El Cajon), Heartland Coin Club, El Cajon Valley Masonic Lodge, 695 Ballantyne St., Lee Darnell (760) 789-7181, jyjoylee@pacbell.net.
November 13	**Glendale Coin Club Show** (Van Nuys), Van Nuys Masonic Hall, 14750 Sherman Way, Earl Fritcher (818) 352-1245, allinone@webtv.net.

November 13	**26th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show** (San Jose), Peninsula Coin Club, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, Fred van den Haak (650) 498-4158.
Nov. 17 - 20	**Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Expo** (Santa Clara; 4-day show), Convention Center, 5001 Great American Parkway, (805) 962-9939, scshow@exposunlimited.com.
November 27	**9th Annual Contra Costa Coin Show** (Concord), Concord Veterans Memorial Building, 2290 Willow Pass Road (at Colfax), Mike Stanley, (925) 825-0649, xsteamerx@aol.com.
December 3 - 4	**Nor-Cal VI Coin Show** (Fremont), Elks Lodge, 28991 Farwell Drive (off Mowry), Vince Lacariere (510) 792-1511, coinvince@aol.com.
December 4	**North County Monthly Coin Show** (Anaheim), Embassy Suites Hotel, 3100 Frontera Street (91 Fwy at Glassell Street), Don Brady, (208) 433-9464, DBCCnumis@aol.com.
December 9 - 11	**Coin & Stamp Expo** (Glendale), Glendale Civic Auditorium, 1401 N. Verdugo Rd., Israel Bick (818) 997-6496, iibick@sbcglobal.net.

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January 13 - 15	**38th Annual Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Show**, San Jose Coin Club, Parkside Hall, 180 Park Ave., John Sarti (408) 910-7654, wheatcoinman@yahoo.com or www.sanjosecoinclub.org. **CSNA Convention** (to be held concurrent with above.)
January 26 - 28	**Anaheim Coin & Collectibles Show**, Anaheim Convention Center, Hall E, Teresa Darling (702) 438-2800, Sam Lopresto (310) 540-4984, wcnc@cox.net.
February 12	**NASC Awards Banquet** (Duarte), details to be announced.
February 18 - 19	**43rd Coin & Collectibles Show**, San Bernardino County Coin Club, Damus Bldg, National Orange Show Fairgrounds, Mill Street & Arrowhead Ave., Kevin Akin, (951) 787-0318, kevinakin1950@hotmail.com.
February 19	**34th Annual Coin & Collectibles Show** (San Jose), Cupertino Coin Club, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, Bruce Braga, (408) 865-0720, ALLOSJ@cs.com.
May 7	**34th Annual Vallejo Coin Show**, BPOE/Vallejo Elks Lodge #559, Banquet Room, 2850 Redwood parkway, Information: (707) 642-0216 or (707) 547-0518, EMPERORI@juno.com.
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Fifty Years Ago

- The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society celebrated their 40th anniversary, having been organized in San Francisco on June 25, 1915.
- My favorite character, Rudy Gjurovich ("King of the Koin Kollectors") was highlighted in the September, 1955, issue of *Calcoin News*. Rudy was member #1 of the San Jose Coin Club, and was best known for his wacky outfit, replete with top hat and tales, that he would wear while talking up coins to potential collectors. Unfortunately, one little boy and his mother misunderstood and thought Rudy was "King of the Cannibal Isles."

Twenty-Five Years Ago

- NASC President Nona Moore sponsored William J. Fragner (of Fragner & Fragner fame) as NASC member #2276.
- *Calcoin News* (fall, 1980) carried Walter Ostromecki's second of four installments of *First Ladies Autographs*. Many of Walter's noted items were postal-numismatic covers (PNCs) that had been autographed by famous first ladies. Walter included LBJ's favorite chili recipe—Pedernales River Chili. Hmmm, I'm getting hungry.
- *The NASC Quarterly* listed 61 member clubs and a stunning 38 committee chairmen, including the mystical "Breakfast and Housing" (I want to be on *that* committee), and four different committees for publicity: coordinator, local, national, and radio & TV.

Ten Years Ago

- The cover of the autumn, 1995 *Calcoin News* announced that Dr. Tom Fitzgerald was general chairman of the 104th ANA convention, and also that ten-year-old young numismatist Grace Anderson (now a cadet in the USAF Academy) had designed the new CSNA medal, "Chinese Labor Builds California's Railroads."
- Gary Beedon was announced as the new editor of *The NASC Quarterly*, a position that Gary would hold for the next seven years (in addition to his previous seven year stint from 1982 though 1988).
- The Upland Coin Club had a special wedding cake for newlyweds William and Ann Wisslead.
- The announcement of the CSNA banquet to be held at Zorba's (a Greek restaurant in San Jose) showed the following entertainment: "CeSNA & the Numettes (a female? vocal group) and Coinac the Magnificent. The ad noted that belly dancing would be available following the banquet!

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